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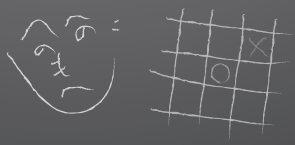

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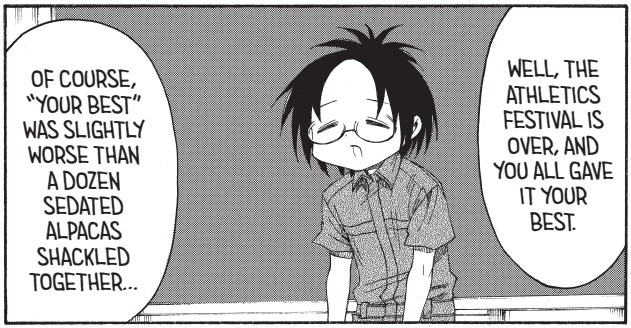
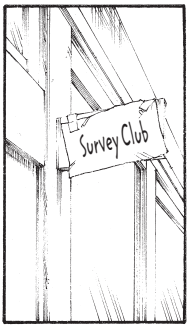
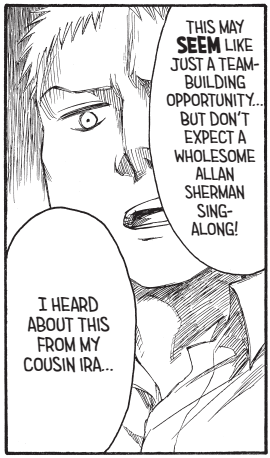
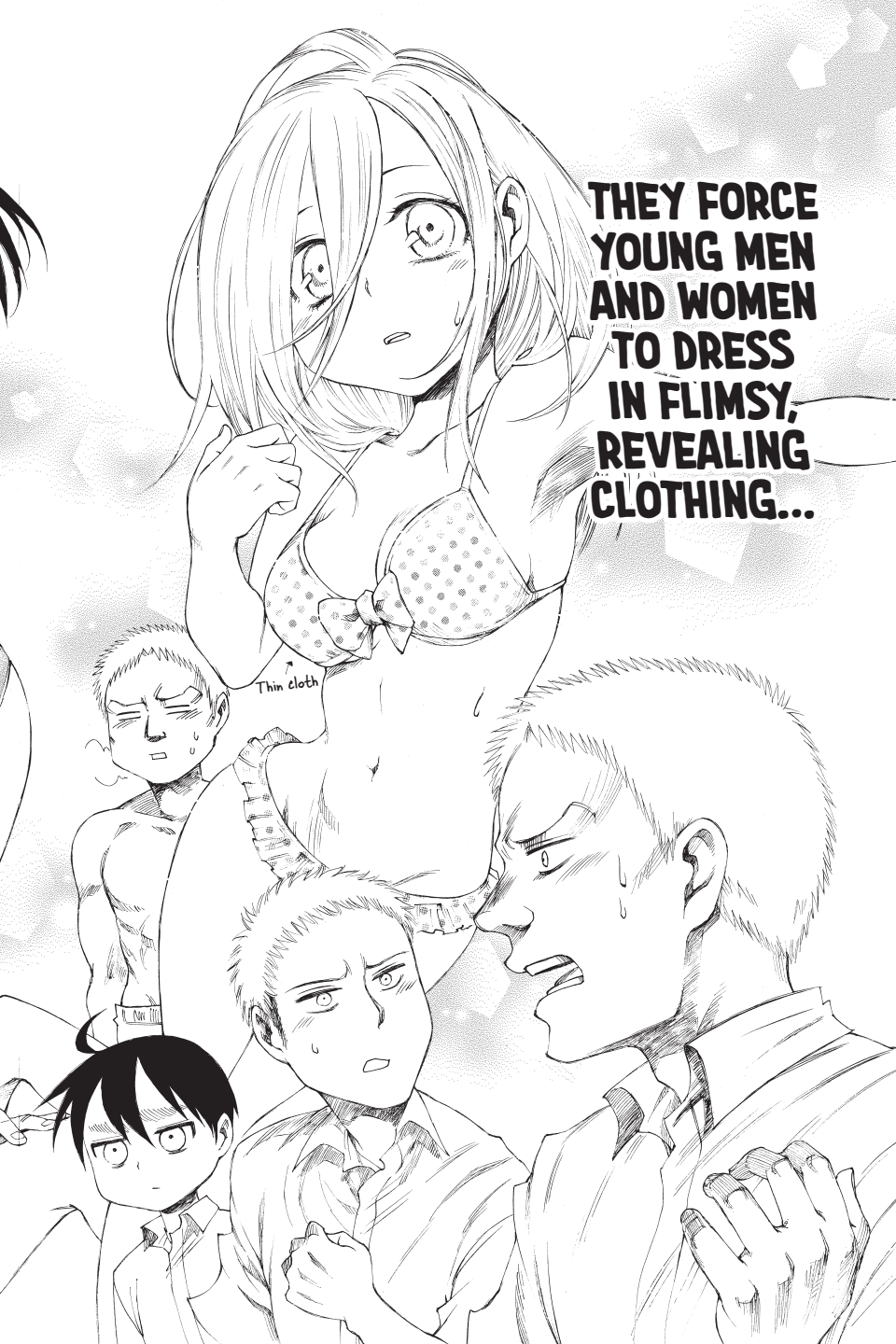
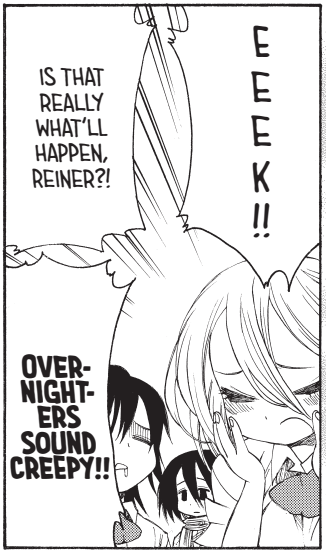
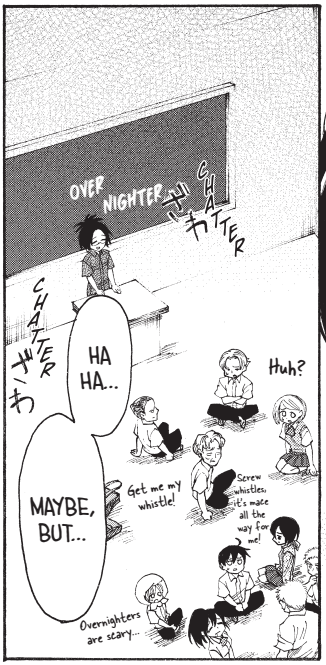






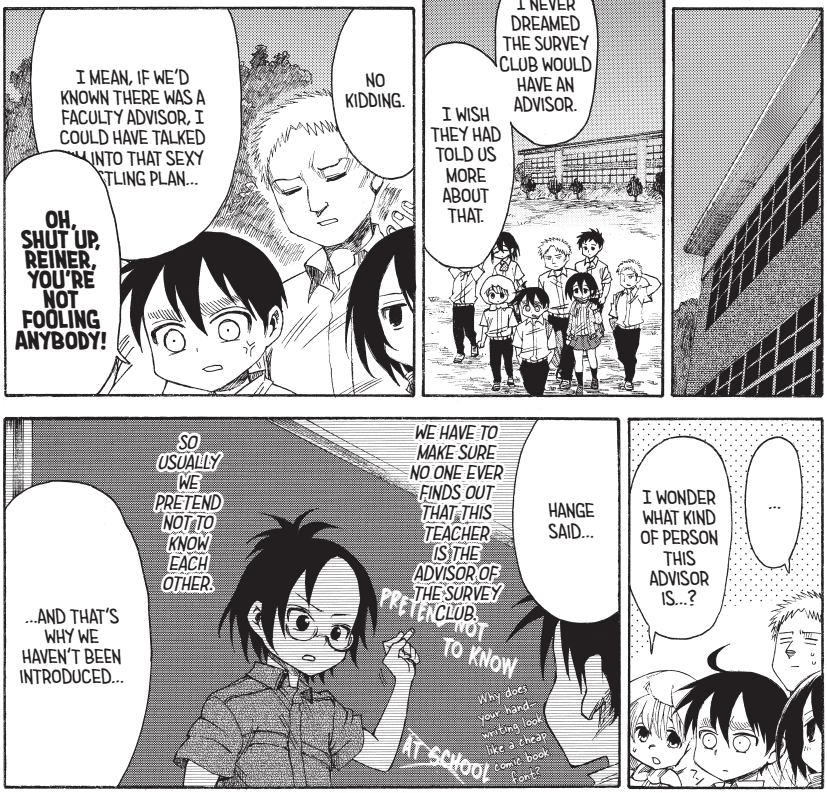

THEY FORCE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO DRESS IN FLIMSY, REVEALING CLOTHING...
Thin cloth





...AND ENTER INTO LEWD, BODY-ON-BODY STRUGGLES. THAT IS HOW THIS "FRIENDSHIP IS DEEPENED."

B—BUT THEN HOW ARE FRIENDSHIPS SUPPOSED TO BE DEEPENED?!
OH, THANK GOOD-NESS!
NONE OF THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.
?!
OH, REINER, YOU HORMONAL LITTLE MONKEY...
I'll hold your legs.
POIK
PAIRING UP FOR AB-TRAINING? I CAN WORK WITH THAT!!
B-BMP
B-BMP
WHA—?!
ACTUALLY, WE DON'T DO MUCH MORE THAN PAIR UP AND DO AB-BUILDING TRAINING...
WELL, WE COOK CURRY TOGETHER...
WE HIKE THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TOGETHER...
FACULTY ADVISOR ?!
WHAA?!
OVER NIGHTER
AD VIS OR
...SO YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP YOUR ONE-EYED TROUSER TITAN IN CHECK!
ANYWAY, THE FACULTY ADVISOR COMES TO THE OVER-NIGHTER, TOO...
SKRCH SKRCH


I NEVER DREAMED THE SURVEY CLUB WOULD HAVE AN ADVISOR.
I WISH THEY HAD TOLD US MORE ABOUT THAT.
NO KIDDING.
I MEAN, IF WE'D KNOWN THERE WAS A FACULTY ADVISOR, I COULD HAVE TALKED
TTLING PLAN...
OH, SHUT UP, REINER, YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYBODY!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON THIS ADVISOR IS...?
...
HANGE SAID...
WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE EVER FINDS OUT THAT THIS TEACHER IS THE ADVISOR OF THE SURVEY CLUB.
PRETEND NOT TO KNOW
AT SCHOOL
Why does your hand-writing look like a cheat sheet book from?
SO USUALLY WE PRETEND NOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER.
...AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVEN'T BEEN INTRODUCED...
BESIDES, THE SURVEY CLUB IS A SECRET. WE NEED AN ADVISOR LIKE A TITAN NEEDS PANTS!
HEY, YEAH!
THIS ADVISOR'S A TEACHER, RIGHT? THAT MEANS HE'S PROBABLY LOYAL TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION!
AND WE'VE SEEN HOW MUCH MORE THE SCHOOL LOVES THE TITANS!
EITHER HE'S TRYING TO DESTROY US, OR HE'S A SPY OUT TO DESTROY THEM... BUT WHICH?
WAAAAH!!

BUT WHY WOULD TITANS EVEN BE NEAR THE HUMAN SCHOOL?!
THOSE STUDENTS WERE JUST COMING BACK FROM CLUB, BUT TITANS ARE ATTACKING THEM!
WHAT'S THAT ...?!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THEY'RE AFTER THE SNACKS THAT GUYS EAT ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM CLUB...!!
やめろぉぉぉぉぉ NOOOOOOOO
AAAAH!!
EREN, DUDE, GROSS !!
THOSE TITANS'LL SLIDE RIGHT OUTTA HERE, WITH A SPLASH!
WELL, WHEN I'M DONE PUSH-ING...
We're really running with the Poop thing?
DASH
THOSE BAS-TARDS!
TO CHASE DOWN A POOR CONSTIPATED BOY AND STEAL HIS POOP YOGURT...
HOW CRUEL CAN THOSE THINGS BE?!
My poor rectum!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I NEED THAT YOGURT! IF I MISS A DAY, IT'S A ROILING SWAMP OF FECAL TURMOIL DOWN THERE...
THEY STOLE MY WASABI COCONUT LICORICE KIT KAT...!!
WAAAAH
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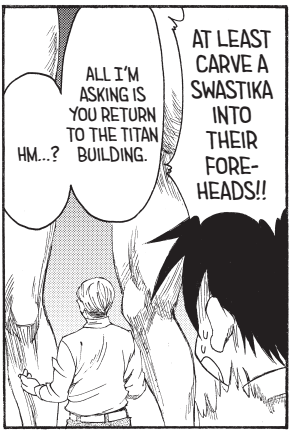
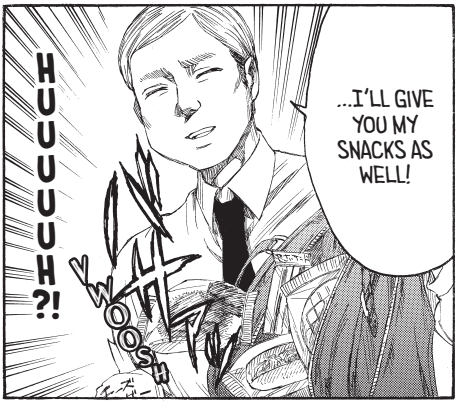
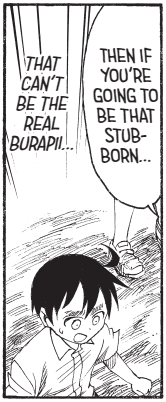
HYaaaahhh!!
HUH? WAIT...
IT'S DANGEROUS OVER THERE!!
STAY BACK!
ISN'T THAT... MISTER SMITH ...?!
!
MISTER SMITH...?! I LOVED THAT MOVIE!
WOW, HE HASN'T AGED AT ALL SINCE FIGHT CLUB...
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?!
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE DRAWINGS ON MOM'S TUMBLR...
SAY, YOU TWO...
...EXCEPT HE'S DRESSED. AS A TEACHER!

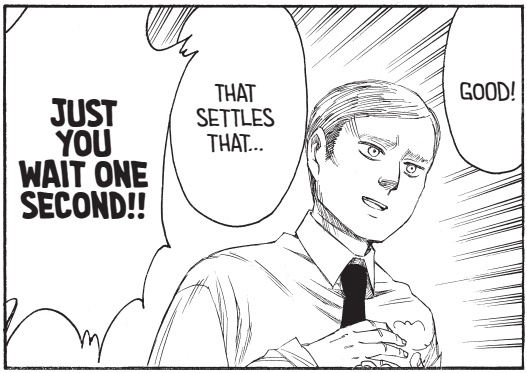

AT LEAST CARVE A SWASTIKA INTO THEIR FORE-HEADS!!
ALL I'M ASKING IS YOU RETURN TO THE TITAN BUILDING.
HM...?

HUH?! BRAD, HOW COULD YOU ?!
YOU CAN HAVE THOSE SNACKS.


HUUUUUH?!
WOOSH
...I'LL GIVE YOU MY SNACKS AS WELL!


THAT CAN'T BE THE REAL BURAPI!...
THEN IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE THAT STUB-BORN...

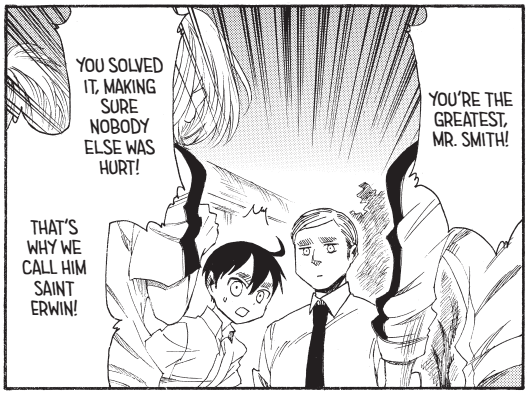
YOU AREN'T EVEN SATISFIED WITH THAT?

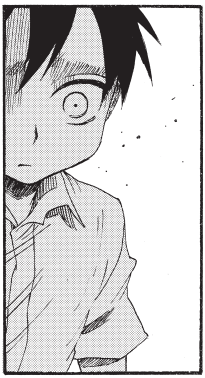

JUST YOU WAIT ONE SECOND!!
THAT SETTLES THAT...
GOOD!

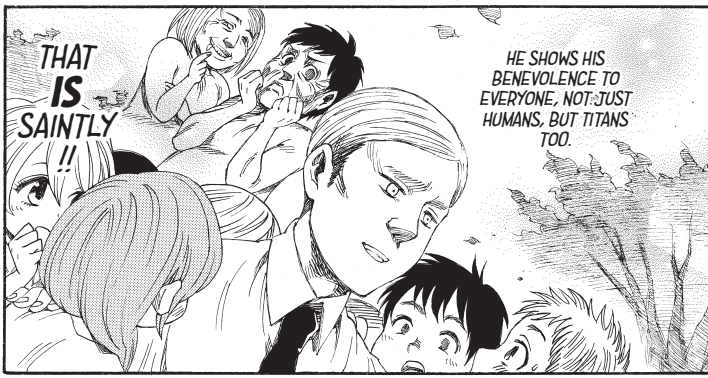
OHH...!
THUD
THUD
SO NOW YOU'RE WILLING TO GO BACK, ARE YOU?

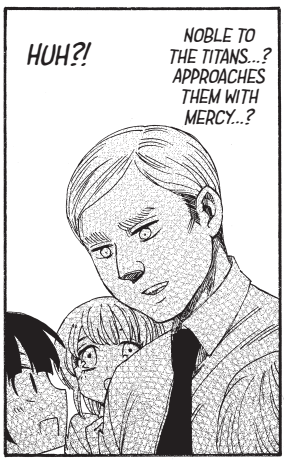
UH... FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT BRAD PITT.
...BUT YOU'RE MAD AT ME FOR GIVING IN TO THOSE TITANS, RIGHT?
WHAT WOULD LITTLE ZAHARA SAY?! AND SHILOH?! AND MADDOX CHIVAN?!
Gimme a bran muffin... some Sbarro anything
LOOK AT WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO THESE POOR KIDS!
WHY ARE YOU GIVING SNACKS TO THOSE TITANS?
HM?
!!
AIISST
HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE SOME OF THE ANPAN THEY SELL AT SCHOOL INSTEAD?
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...
WELL, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
That's more like it.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
MR. SMITH, YOU'RE THE BEST!
WHEN SASHA HEARS ABOUT THIS, HER HEAD'LL EXPLODE!!
THAT'S THE FAMOUS SNACK THAT WE FIRST YEARS AREN'T ALLOWED TO EAT!!
THE SCHOOL STORE'S ANPAN! ISN'T THAT...
H-HEY ...
YOU SURE A SMALL BUN LIKE THAT...

AMAZING!
SO ALL THE RUMORS WERE TRUE!

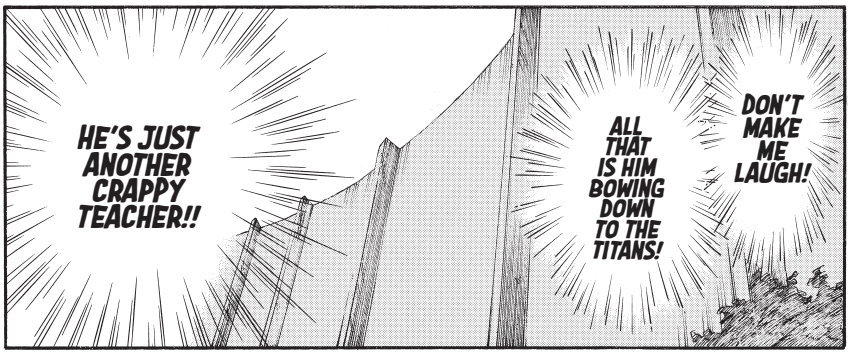

YOU SOLVED IT, MAKING SURE NOBODY ELSE WAS HURT!
YOU'RE THE GREATEST, MR. SMITH!
THAT'S WHY WE CALL HIM SAINT ERWIN!

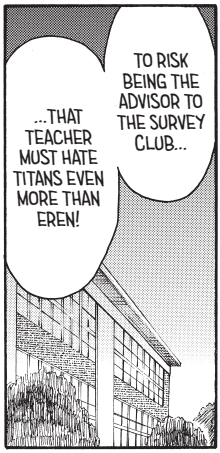


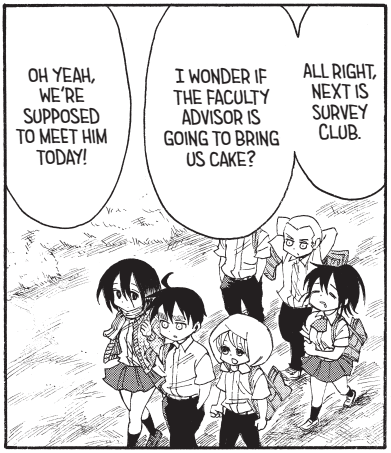

THAT IS SAINTLY !!
HE SHOWS HIS BENEVOLENCE TO EVERYONE, NOT JUST HUMANS, BUT TITANS TOO.


HUH?!
NOBLE TO THE TITANS...? APPROACHES THEM WITH MERCY...?

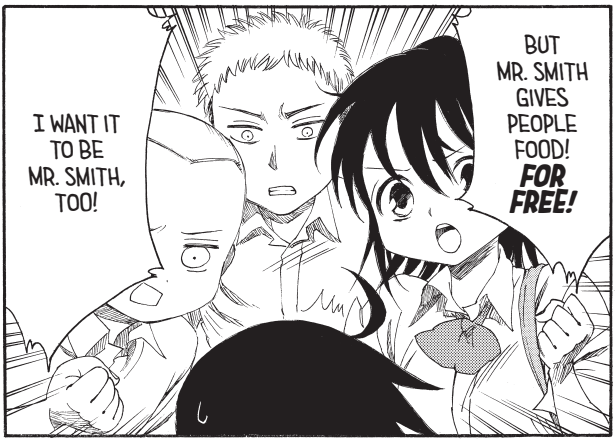
...SERIOUS WHEN THEY SAY THESE THINGS?!
IT'S AMAZING THAT HE CAN APPROACH THE TITANS WITH SUCH NOBILITY!
ARE THESE GUYS...
I NEVER THOUGHT A TEACHER COULD BE THAT CLASSY!
EVEN A DRIED FLOWER WOULD COME BACK TO LIFE AT THAT TEACHER'S TOUCH...!!
HE'S BETTER THAN I THOUGHT HE'D BE...!!

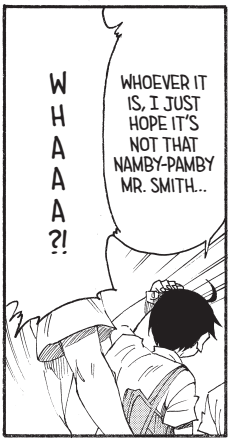

HE'S JUST ANOTHER CRAPPY TEACHER!!
ALL THAT IS HIM BOWING DOWN TO THE TITANS!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!


...THAT TEACHER MUST HATE TITANS EVEN MORE THAN EREN!
TO RISK BEING THE ADVISOR TO THE SURVEY CLUB...


OH YEAH, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET HIM TODAY!
I WONDER IF THE FACULTY ADVISOR IS GOING TO BRING US CAKE?
ALL RIGHT, NEXT IS SURVEY CLUB.

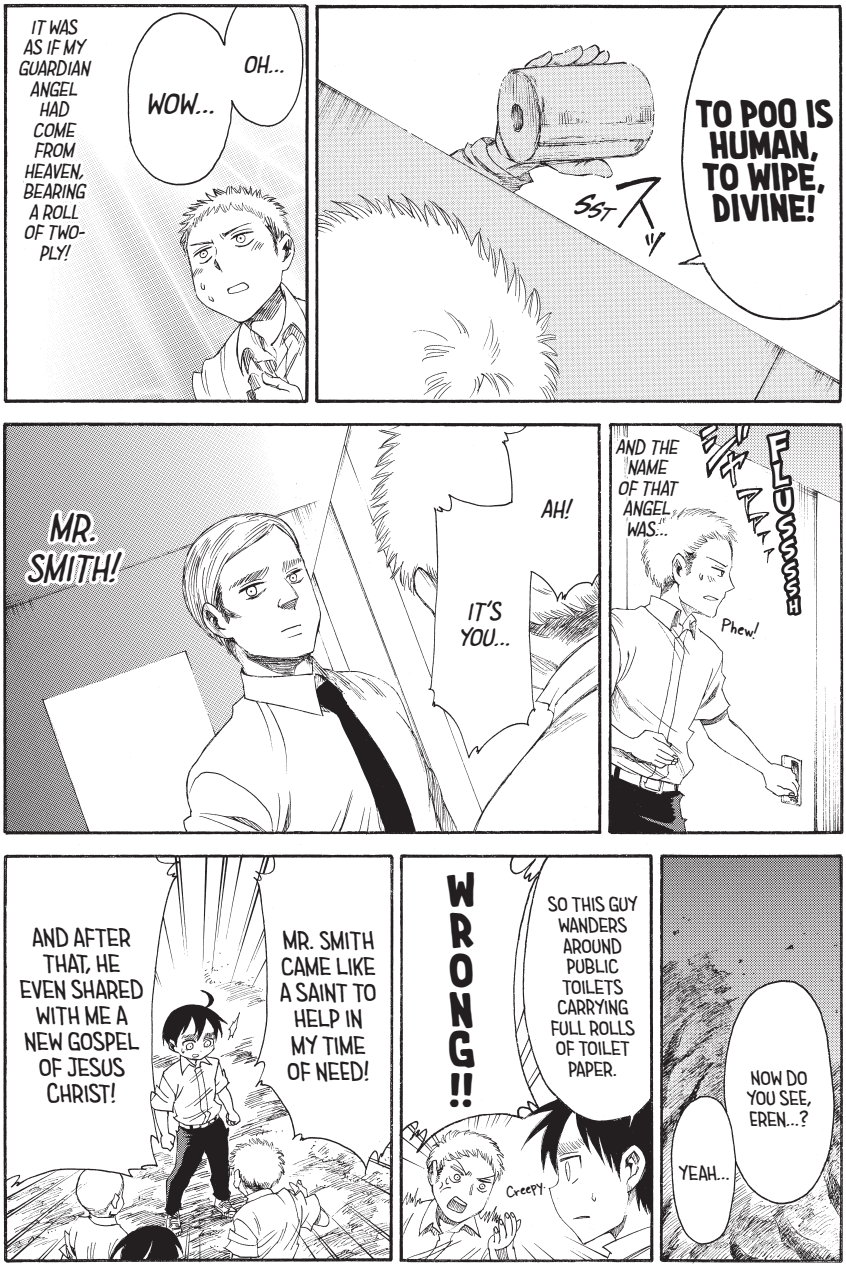
YES, MA'AM!
YOU'RE ALL TERRIBLE JANITORS, AS USUAL! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!

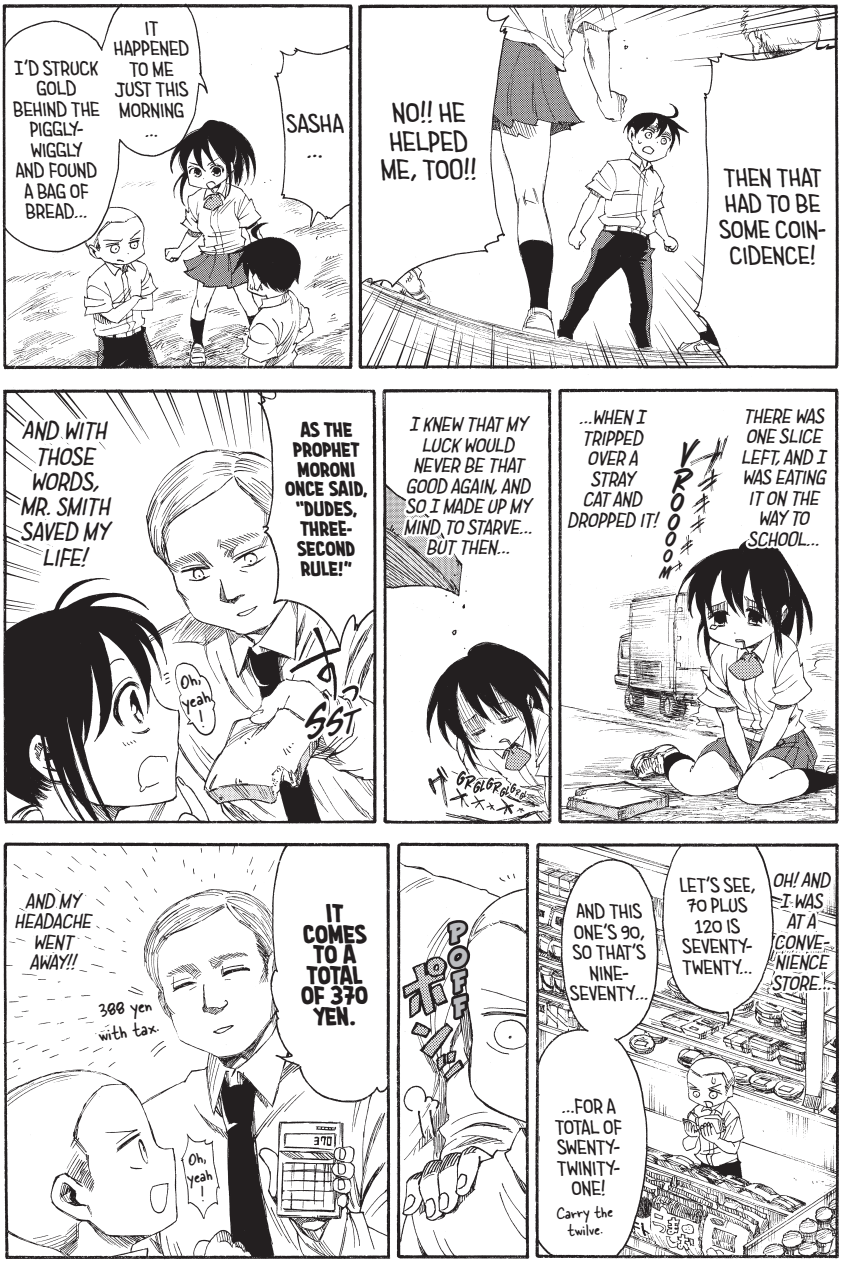

I WANT IT TO BE MR. SMITH, TOO!
BUT MR. SMITH GIVES PEOPLE FOOD! FOR FREE!


WHAAA?!
WHOEVER IT IS, I JUST HOPE IT'S NOT THAT NAMBY-PAMBY MR. SMITH...

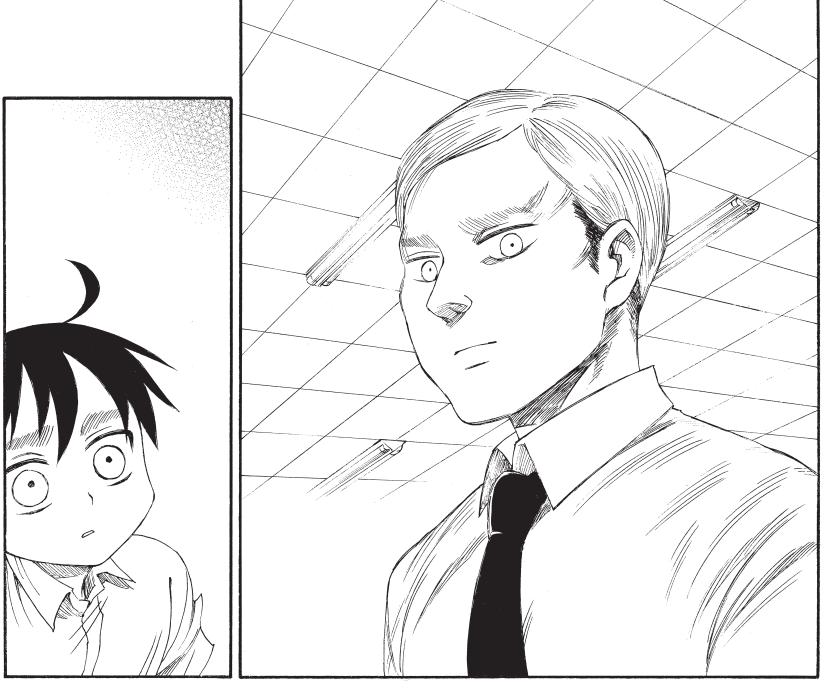
WELL, AS LONG AS HE'S AROUND, THE TITANS WILL KEEP BULLYING US! MONEY CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING!
THAT SMITH IS NOTHING BUT A PATHETIC LOSER! HE THINKS HE CAN BUY THE TITANS OFF!
HUH?!
HOW COULD YOU ADMIRE THAT TITAN-CODDLER?!
WHAT'S THAT PUSHOVER EVER DONE TO HELP YOU?!
ARE YOU GUYS BEING SERIOUS?!
AND YOU SHOULDN'T INSULT MR. SMITH, EITHER!
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT ABOUT MONEY?!
THEN MAYBE YOU'LL SEE THE TRUE STRENGTH OF MR. SMITH'S CHARACTER!!
VS
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ME!
WHAT'S HE EVER DONE FOR US...?
HUMPH!

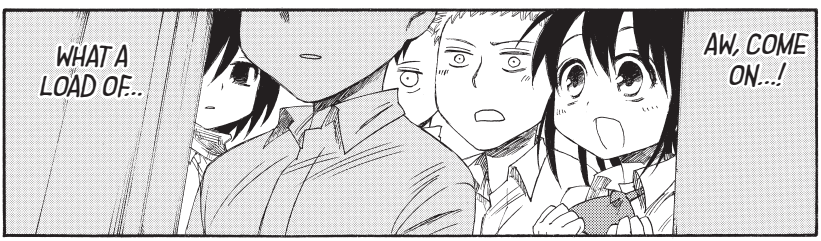
...REBELLED INDIGNANTLY AGAINST THE WAFFLE TACO I HAD SO CARELESSLY INGESTED!
MY DELICATE, REFINED GUT...
ZHAAAAAAANN
URK!
...AND I'D BEEN FORCED TO STOP FOR BREAKFAST ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL, WHEN SUDDENLY...
OUR PRIVATE CHEF WAS OUT SICK THAT DAY...
...I WAS TRAPPED!
BUT IT WAS THEN THAT I NOTICED... SOME CARELESS PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HAD FAILED TO REPLENISH THE TOILET PAPER...
!!
HAHH
HAHH
HAPPILY, THE CULINARY ABOMINATION SLURPED OUT WITHOUT INCIDENT...
THE SITUATION WAS SO URGENT, I ENTERED A PUBLIC TOILET.
HEY, YOU!
FINALLY, I HEARD A VOICE THAT I THOUGHT HERALDED MY VIVISECTION...
FWOOOO
...AND EXTRACTED MY ORGANS FOR TRANSPLANT.
IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOME GANG MEMBER OR DRUG DEALER DISCOVERED ME...
...I WAS IN FACT ALREADY DEAD.
I REALIZED THAT, THOUGH I WAS STILL MOVING...

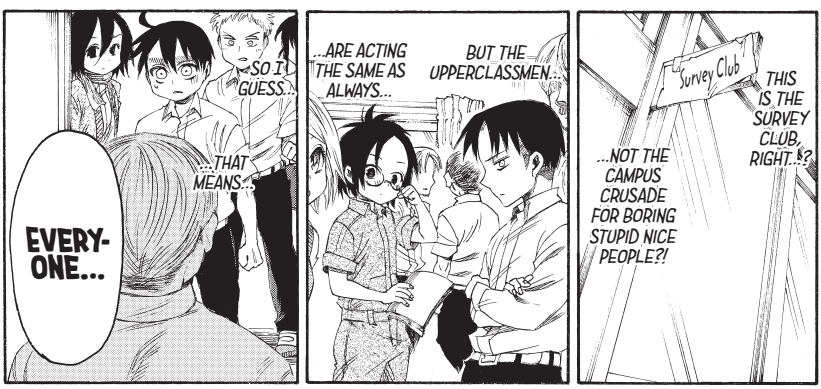

IT WAS AS IF MY GUARDIAN ANGEL HAD COME FROM HEAVEN, BEARING A ROLL OF TWO-PLY!
WOW...
OH...
TO POO IS HUMAN, TO WIPE, DIVINE!
SST
MR. SMITH!
AH!
IT'S YOU...
AND THE NAME OF THAT ANGEL WAS...
FLUSSSH
Phew!
AND AFTER THAT, HE EVEN SHARED WITH ME A NEW GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST!
MR. SMITH CAME LIKE A SAINT TO HELP IN MY TIME OF NEED!
WRONG!!
SO THIS GUY WANDERS AROUND PUBLIC TOILETS CARRYING FULL ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER.
Creepy
NOW DO YOU SEE, EREN...?
YEAH...

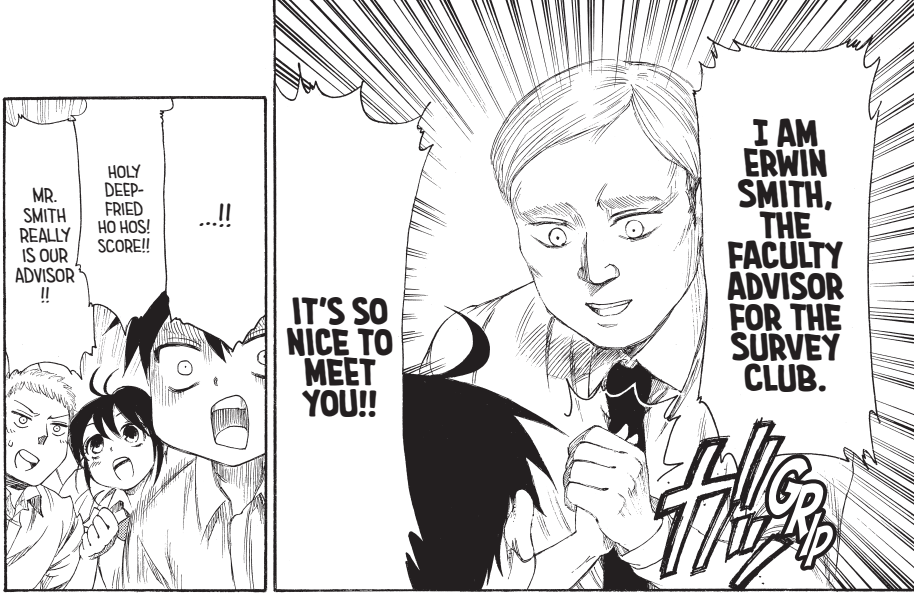

I'D STRUCK GOLD BEHIND THE PIGGLY-WIGGLY AND FOUND A BAG OF BREAD...
IT HAPPENED TO ME JUST THIS MORNING ...
SASHA ...
NO!! HE HELPED ME, TOO!!
THEN THAT HAD TO BE SOME COIN-CIDENCE!
AND WITH THOSE WORDS, MR. SMITH SAVED MY LIFE!
AS THE PROPHET MORONI ONCE SAID, "DUDES, THREE-SECOND RULE!"
Oh, yeah!
SST
I KNEW THAT MY LUCK WOULD NEVER BE THAT GOOD AGAIN, AND SO I MADE UP MY MIND TO STARVE... BUT THEN...
GRGLGRGLGL
...WHEN I TRIPPED OVER A STRAY CAT AND DROPPED IT!
VROOOOM
THERE WAS ONE SLICE LEFT, AND I WAS EATING IT ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL...
AND MY HEADACHE WENT AWAY!!
300 yen with tax.
Oh, yeah!
370
IT COMES TO A TOTAL OF 370 YEN.
POFF
AND THIS ONE'S 90, SO THAT'S NINE-SEVENTY...
LET'S SEE, 70 PLUS 120 IS SEVENTY-TWENTY...
OH! AND I WAS AT A CONVE-NIENCE STORE.
...FOR A TOTAL OF SWENTY-TWINITY-ONE!
Carry the twelve.

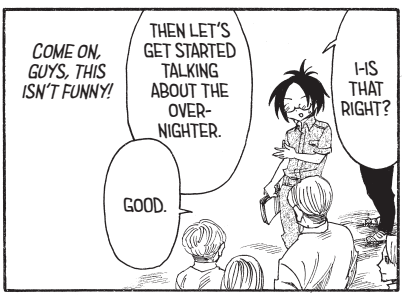
FACE IT, EREN!! IT JUST BOTHERS YOU THAT HE'S SUCH A BETTER PERSON THAN YOU!
M-MAYBE, BUT...
...BUT THAT'S JUST BECAUSE HE'S NICE TO EVERYONE!
HE MAY BE KIND TO TITANS...
NOT EVERYONE IS A SELFISH DOWNER LIKE YOU!
NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND, EREN...?
THIS ARGUMENT WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.
HUH?
LET'S JUST DROP IT.
...
チッ
LIKE THE GOOD BOOK SAYS, THOU SHALT STOP... UH, STOP... BEING... SUCH A JACKASS!!
AFTER ALL, MR. SMITH SAVED YOU TOO YESTERDAY, RIGHT?!
SO HE CAN'T BE THE ONE BEHIND THAT DOOR!
Survey Club
ANYWAY, IT'D BARELY QUALIFY AS A TWIST AT THIS POINT!
ガラッ
SHUM?
...
SURE.
RIGHT!
I MEAN, IT'S GOTTA BE SOMEONE MORE BADASS. MAYBE A GUY WITH A GIANT WRENCH AND A CATCHPHRASE LIKE, "I'M HERE TO TITAN YOUR NUTS!"
SURE, HE MAY BE A NICE GUY...
...BUT IF HE'S SUCH A PERFECT TEACHER, HE'D NEVER ADVISE THE SURVEY CLUB.

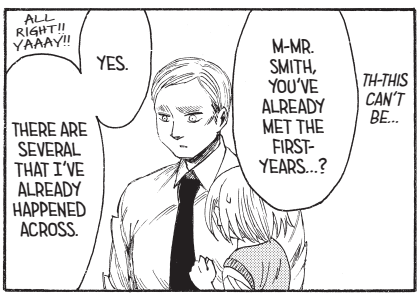



WHAT A LOAD OF...
AW, COME ON...!


EVERY-ONE...
...THAT MEANS...
SO I GUESS...
...ARE ACTING THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
BUT THE UPPERCLASSMEN...
...NOT THE CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR BORING STUPID NICE PEOPLE?!
Survey Club
THIS IS THE SURVEY CLUB, RIGHT...?

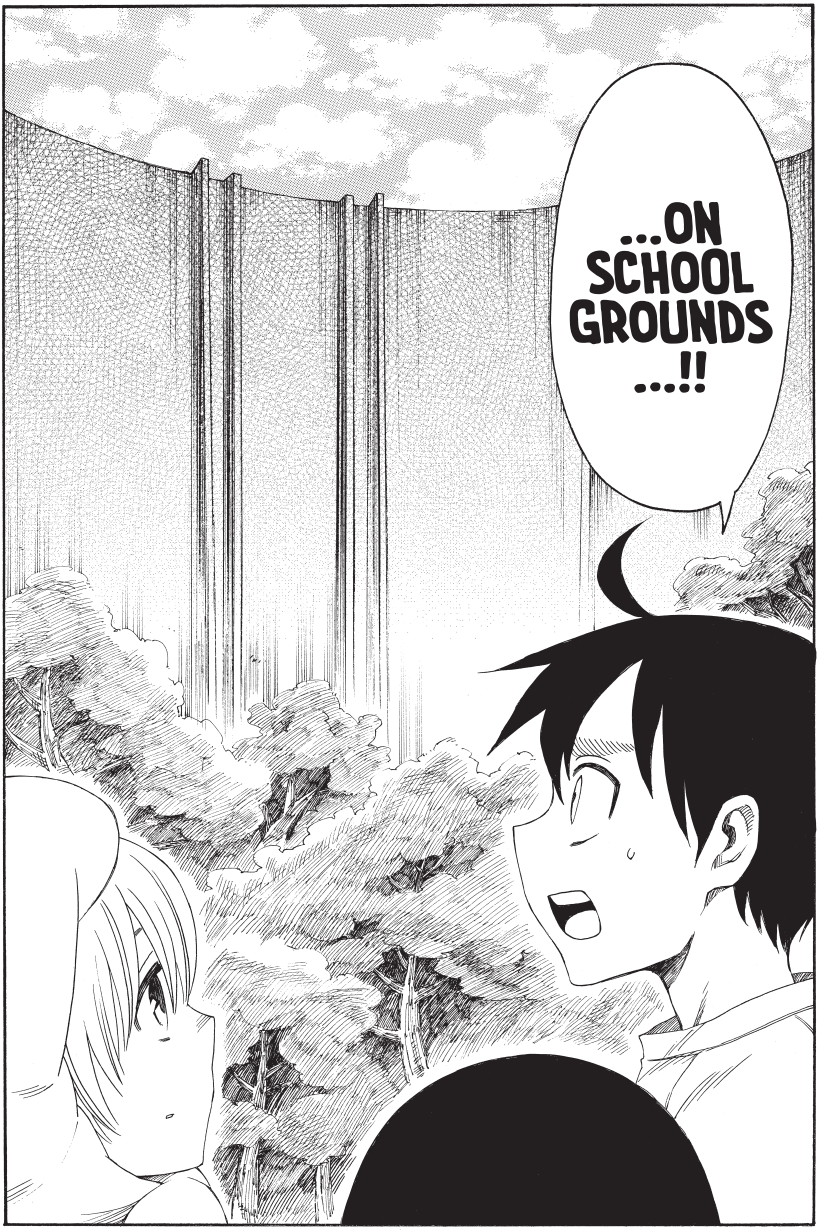

I AM ERWIN SMITH, THE FACULTY ADVISOR FOR THE SURVEY CLUB.
IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU!!
HIGRIP
...!!
HOLY DEEP-FRIED HO HOS! SCORE!!
MR. SMITH REALLY IS OUR ADVISOR !!


COME ON, GUYS, THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
THEN LET'S GET STARTED TALKING ABOUT THE OVER-NIGHTER.
GOOD.
I-IS THAT RIGHT?


TH-THIS CAN'T BE...
M-MR. SMITH, YOU'VE ALREADY MET THE FIRST-YEARS...?
YES.
THERE ARE SEVERAL THAT I'VE ALREADY HAPPENED ACROSS.
ALL RIGHT!! YAAAY!!!

...HOW CAN HE BE THE ADVISOR TO THE SURVEY CLUB?!
LET'S MAKE IT THE BEST OVERNIGHTER EVER!
IF HE LOVES TITANS SO MUCH...

IT'S OUR LODGE !!
AN ELEGANT PENSION...
A PLACID LAKE...
...ALL SURROUNDED BY LUSH GREENERY!
I NEVER IMAGINED THERE WOULD BE SUCH A NICE PLACE...

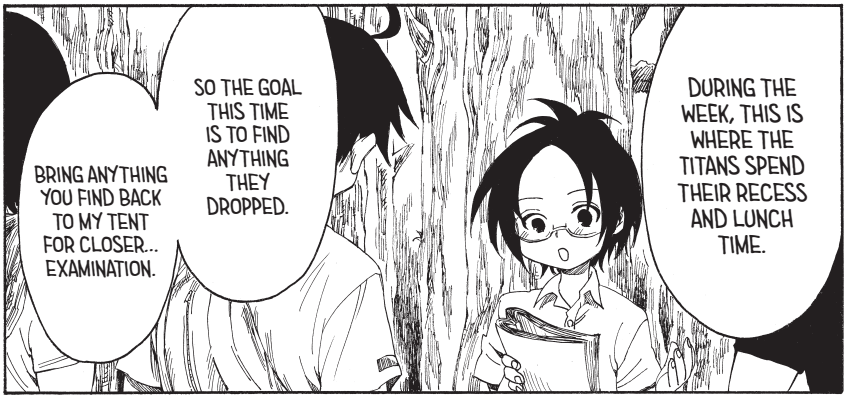

...ON SCHOOL GROUNDS...!!

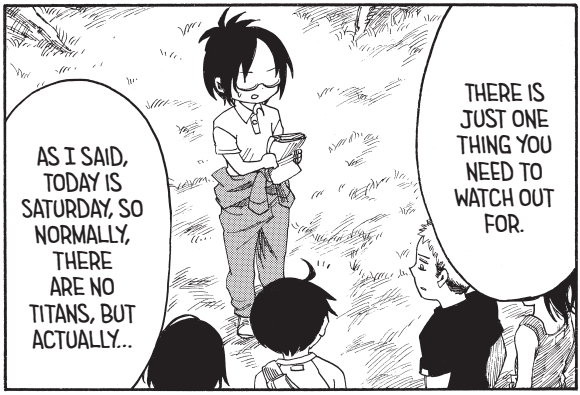
BUT ISN'T THIS PLACE...
...KIND OF CLOSE TO THE TITAN'S SCHOOL BUILDING?
THAT'S EXACTLY THE POINT!
SINCE TODAY IS SATURDAY, THERE WON'T BE ANY TITAN STUDENTS INSIDE THE BUILDING.
THIS PENSION WAS BUILT A VERY LONG TIME AGO, AND HARDLY ANYONE EVER USES IT ANYMORE.
WITHOUT MR. SMITH'S INFLUENCE, WE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO USE IT!
...BY WHICH I MEAN WE ASKED HIM TO BORROW THE KEY WHEN NOBODY WAS LOOKING...
Huh?
MUMBLE
THAT MEANS IT'S ALL THANKS TO MR. SMITH THAT WE CAN HAVE THIS OVERNIGHTER, HUH?
HE MUST'VE WORKED SO HARD BEHIND THE SCENES, ALL FOR US!
MR. SMITH IS THE BEST ADVISOR EVER!
TSK
NO! IT'S WHAT ANY ADVISOR WOULD DO.
BE-SIDES ...

MR. SMITH...
IT'S WHEN I'M HERE THAT I FEEL I CAN REALLY BE ME...
THIS OVER-NIGHTER MEANS R&R FOR ME TOO.
YES... YOU TOO.
...AND HAVE A NICE, RELAXING OVER-NIGHTER!
SO JUST FORGET ABOUT SCHOOL FOR NOW...
IT MUST BE SO TOUGH TO LOOK OUT FOR TITANS AS WELL AS HUMANS!
HE'S NOT ACTUALLY ANY GOOD! HE'S JUST A MILDLY ATTRACTIVE MAN DESPERATE FOR EVERYONE TO LOVE HIM! LIKE JIMMY KIMMEL!
WAIT, YOU SHEEPLE!
I'M SO GLAD HE'S OUR ADVISOR!
I SEE WHY THEY CALL HIM SAINT ERWIN!

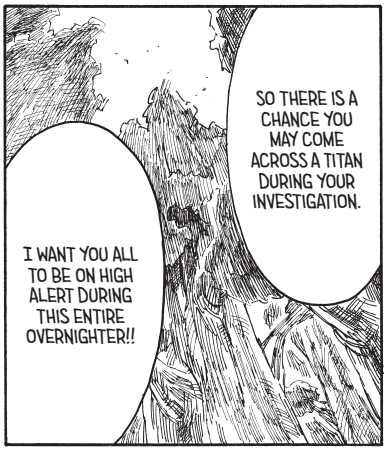
I'LL RUN YOU OUT OF THE SURVEY CLUB, YOU AND YOUR FANCY BOLO TIE AND GREASY HAIR!!
HISSSS

WE WILL FOLLOW YOU TO THE DEATH! TO PRISON, TO HELL, EVEN TO NEW JERSEY!!
MR. SMITH! YOU HAVE REACHED THE NINTH LEVEL OF NICENESS!!
LOOK AT THAT!
MR. SMITH IS GOING SUPER SAINT!! HIS AURA IS TOO BRIGHT!!
FINE, GO RIGHT AHEAD...
...IT'LL BE YOUR FUNERAL!
MOVING ON... I THINK EVEN YOU FIRST-YEARS HAVE BEEN HERE AT LEAST ONCE.
THIS IS THE MAIN POINT OF THE OVER-NIGHTER.
TO INVESTIGATE THE TITAN FOREST!


DURING THE WEEK, THIS IS WHERE THE TITANS SPEND THEIR RECESS AND LUNCH TIME.
SO THE GOAL THIS TIME IS TO FIND ANYTHING THEY DROPPED.
BRING ANYTHING YOU FIND BACK TO MY TENT FOR CLOSER... EXAMINATION.


THERE IS JUST ONE THING YOU NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR.
AS I SAID, TODAY IS SATURDAY, SO NORMALLY, THERE ARE NO TITANS, BUT ACTUALLY...

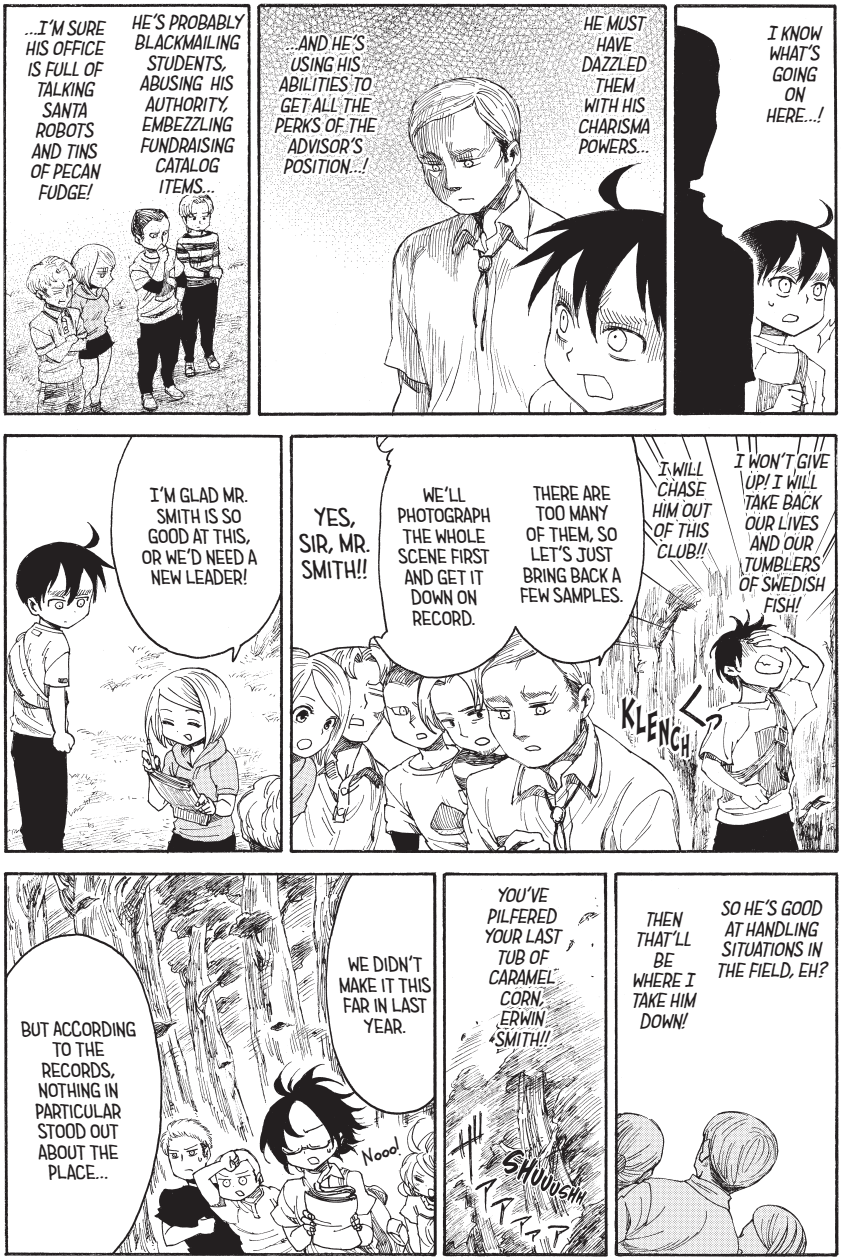
WOW...
I FINALLY FEEL LIKE A REAL MEMBER OF THE SURVEY CLUB!


SO THERE IS A CHANCE YOU MAY COME ACROSS A TITAN DURING YOUR INVESTIGATION.
I WANT YOU ALL TO BE ON HIGH ALERT DURING THIS ENTIRE OVERNIGHTER!!

THE TITAN BIRD-WATCHING CLUB IS DOING AN OVERNIGHTER HERE TOO TODAY.
!!

WELL, IF I DON'T TAKE THEM OUT, THEN WHO WILL...?!
AFTER ALL, I KNOW THAT MR. FANCY TIE IS USELESS AGAINST TITANS...
LITERALLY ANYONE ELSE.
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PROTECT YOU ALL FROM THOSE TITANS!!
THAT'S AWFUL !!
WHY ARE YOU GRINNING LIKE AN IDIOT?
YOU'RE KIDDING ...
SHATTER
Oh no! Guess I have to die!
BECOMING SHINY DOESN'T ACTUALLY MAKE YOU ANY STRONGER!!
WHY DO EVEN THE 2ND AND 3RD YEARS TRUST THAT GUY?!
Okay!
Now, let's go!
NO WAY...
HUH...?
!!
ANYWAY, AS LONG AS MR. LEVI AND MR. SMITH ARE HERE, WE'LL BE JUST FINE.
COULD THIS BE...?! OHH, MY TITAN SENSE IS TINGLING!
ANGH!
THERE'S SOMETHING AT THE BASE OF THAT TREE...
LAST YEAR, WE FOUND QUITE A FEW ITEMS AROUND HERE...
HM?

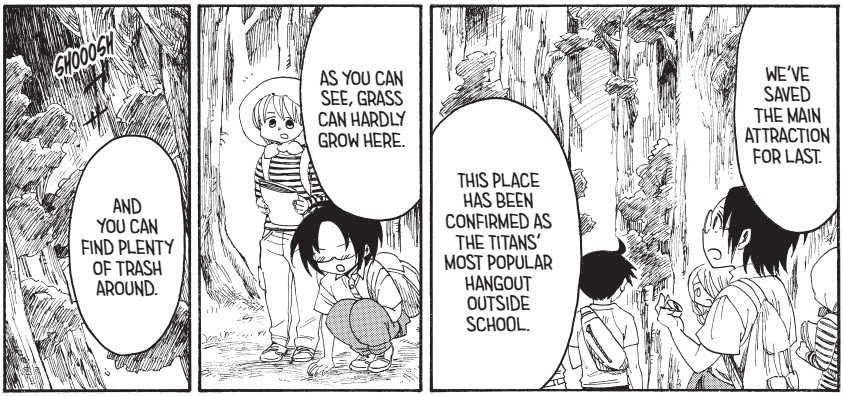
...GATHERED UP ALL THE LUNCH BOXES THEY'D STOLEN FROM HUMAN STUDENTS AND DUMPED THEM HERE...
THEY...
...HUMAN LUNCH BOXES!!
WAIT! THESE ARE...
THE SAUSAGES I NEVER SWALLOWED... THE NUTS I NEVER MUNCHED... THE SALADS I NEVER TOSSED...
YEAH... JUST TO THINK...
WE'VE ALL HAD OUR LUNCHES STOLEN AT LEAST ONCE, HUH...?
DEATH LIES LIKE AN UNTIMELY MOLD UPON THE SWEETEST SANDWICH...
THE POOR THINGS...
...WAIT A MINUTE.
BUT THEN, WHY WOULD THEY WANT HIM AS THEIR ADVISOR...?
EVERY ONE OF THE UPPERCLASSMEN HATES TITANS AS MUCH AS I DO...
THEY'RE ALL REALLY HURTING...

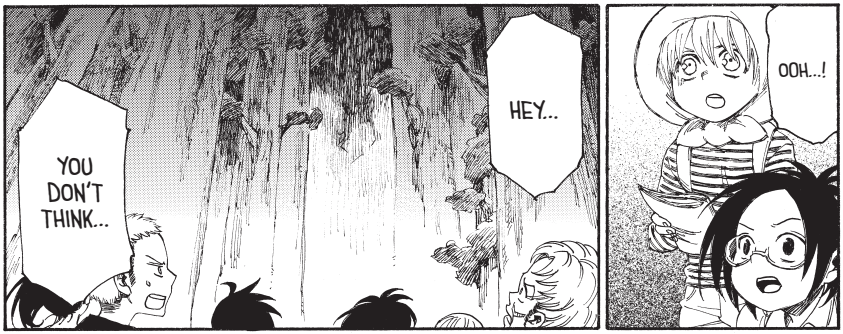

...I'M SURE HIS OFFICE IS FULL OF TALKING SANTA ROBOTS AND TINS OF PECAN FUDGE!
HE'S PROBABLY BLACKMAILING STUDENTS, ABUSING HIS AUTHORITY, EMBEZZLING FUNDRAISING CATALOG ITEMS...
...AND HE'S USING HIS ABILITIES TO GET ALL THE PERKS OF THE ADVISOR'S POSITION...!
HE MUST HAVE DAZZLED THEM WITH HIS CHARISMA POWERS...
I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...!
I'M GLAD MR. SMITH IS SO GOOD AT THIS, OR WE'D NEED A NEW LEADER!
YES, SIR, MR. SMITH!!
WE'LL PHOTOGRAPH THE WHOLE SCENE FIRST AND GET IT DOWN ON RECORD.
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM, SO LET'S JUST BRING BACK A FEW SAMPLES.
I WILL CHASE HIM OUT OF THIS CLUB!!
KLENCH
I WON'T GIVE UP! I WILL TAKE BACK OUR LIVES AND OUR TUMBLERS OF SWEDISH FISH!
BUT ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR STOOD OUT ABOUT THE PLACE...
WE DIDN'T MAKE IT THIS FAR IN LAST YEAR.
Nooo!
YOU'VE PILFERED YOUR LAST TUB OF CARAMEL CORN, ERWIN SMITH!!
SHUUUSH
THEN THAT'LL BE WHERE I TAKE HIM DOWN!
SO HE'S GOOD AT HANDLING SITUATIONS IN THE FIELD, EH?

THEY'RE THE TITANS' TESTS...?
MORE OF THEM ARE FLYING THIS WAY!
It's huge!!
WHOA! WHAT'S THIS? A TEST PAPER ?!
STILL, THE WIND'S REALLY STRONG HERE...
I THOUGHT THEY ALL WERE SUCH GOOD STUDENTS...
EVEN THE SMARTEST CLASS ALWAYS HAS A DUMMY OR TWO!
You said it, Connie.
YOU THINK... THEY TRIED TO HIDE THE TESTS WITH BAD SCORES BY STUFFING THEM IN THIS TREE?
THEY'RE COMING FROM OVER THERE!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO PULL, YOU TITAN-LOVING CREEP?!
WE'LL JUST RECORD THESE AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF IT...
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THESE ARE TITAN TEST PAPERS.
IN FACT, THEY ALL BELONG TO ONE CERTAIN TITAN, PROBABLY STILL A STUDENT HERE.
...
THESE TESTS SEEM TO BE FROM RELATIVELY RECENTLY.
LET ME SEE.

...THANKS TO MY VAST INTELLECT! AND I SAY WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THIS, AND DO IT RIGHT!
I MUST PROTECT THE SURVEY CLUB AND OUR LICORICE REINDEER!!
UNLUCKY FOR YOU, I ALONE AM IMMUNE TO YOUR POWERS...
SSSSH
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD TURN THE SURVEY CLUB INTO THE CULT OF ERWIN SMITH!
EREN, TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND COUNT TO THE BOILING POINT OF TUNGSTEN.
WHY SHOULD I?! IT'S TIME FOR US ALL TO RISE UP AGAINST THIS CHARLATAN—
NO, LOOK.
WHOOSH
!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MIKASA?!
GRIP
MFFLRG!!
...
WHA...
...TRYING TO DEBONE YOU WITH THEIR EYES...
EVERY-ONE IS...

NOW, NOW. IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
WE MEANT TO SAY THIS EARLIER, BUT MR. SMITH...
AND ONE MORE THING...
I ALREADY FEEL LIKE SHOOTING YOU AND NO ONE'S SHOWN ME ANY PLAYING CARDS, SO PROBABLY NOT.
WHY'RE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?!
HAS HE BRAIN-WASHED YOU THAT BADLY...?!
NOW HE'S FORCING THEM TO LAUGH?!
HIS MANIACAL ANTICS CAN BE RATHER AMUSING...
I GUESS IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HE'D BE SERI-OUS...
Ah ha ha...
Heh ha ha...
WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S SAYING?!
LET'S ALL JUST LAUGH AND ENJOY IT.
I'M SURE EREN WAS JUST TRYING TO INJECT SOME LEVITY INTO THE SITUATION.
JUST YOU WAIT!! NEXT TIME!!!
I'LL GET YOU NEXT TIME, ERWIN...
...JUST MADE A COMPLETE FOOL OUT OF ME...!!
THIS ERSATZ SAINT...


SHOOOSH
AND YOU CAN FIND PLENTY OF TRASH AROUND.
AS YOU CAN SEE, GRASS CAN HARDLY GROW HERE.
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE TITANS' MOST POPULAR HANGOUT OUTSIDE SCHOOL.
WE'VE SAVED THE MAIN ATTRACTION FOR LAST.


YOU DON'T THINK...
HEY...
OOH...!

THIS MAY BE MY FIRST CHANCE TO OBSERVE TITANS IN AN UNSTRUCTURED, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT!!
LIVE ONES...! I CAN BARELY CONTAIN MY EXCITEMENT!!
Or is that drool?
...ARE THE SAME ONES DOING AN OVERNIGHTER HERE?
...THAT THOSE TITANS HANGING OUT...

...SNACK BUNS?
ARE THOSE...
OOHNGH... WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE DOING...?
NO, MAN!! NO WAY, MAN!! THIS IS FUCKED!!
Sasha, shut up!
POIT
GRUNCH
IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA EAT THEM, GIVE THEM TO ME! INHUMAN BASTARDS!
MUNCH

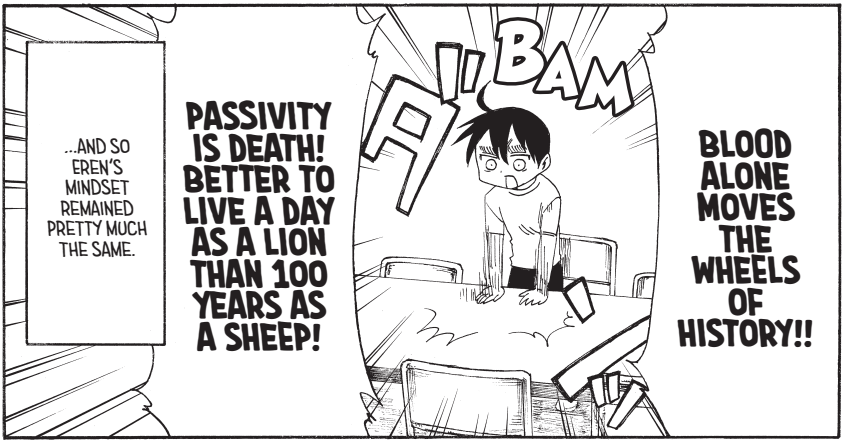
あああああ
HUH?
...
BUT THEY DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO EAT IT...
I SUPPOSE THAT WAS STOLEN FROM THE HUMANS, TOO...
SASHA, STOP! THIS ISN'T A FANSUB!
AAAA! BULLSHITDICKFUCKASSTWATCU-
YES, IT IS...
ISN'T THAT THE ONE MR. SMITH GAVE THEM A FEW DAYS AGO?
HEY... THAT BUN...
JEAN ...?
MR. SMITH? WE'LL UNDERSTAND IF YOU WANT TO LET OUT SOME STEAM AND PUNCH CONNIE...
STILL, EVEN HE SHOULD REACT TO THIS SOMEHOW...
BUT SMITH GAVE THEM THE BUN IN THE FIRST PLACE!
MR. SMITH IS SO DISCIPLINED! IF THAT WERE MY BUN, I'D BE ON A SKULL-BLUDGEONING RAMPAGE RIGHT NOW...
MR. SMITH DIDN'T GIVE THEM THAT SNACK JUST FOR THEM TO TURN AROUND AND DO THAT...!

WHEN THE TITANS LEAVE, I WANT THOSE BUNS COLLECTED.
IT'S VERY UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO TAKE HUMAN FOOD BUT WIND UP NOT EATING IT.
THIS DOESN'T BOTHER ME IN THE SLIGHTEST.
NO PROBLEM.
ARE YOU STILL TALKING LIKE THAT?!
LET'S JUST WAIT HERE FOR A LITTLE BIT...
THAT LITTLE ...
AS HUMAN STUDENTS, THOSE BUNS ARE OUR BIRTHRIGHT...!
MR. SMITH...
I'M SURE IT WILL MAKE FINE RESEARCH MATERIAL.
HOW...?
WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?!
HUH?!
EREN, HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AFTER WHAT YOU SAW?!
...JUST QUIT BEING OUR ADVISOR ALREADY!
IF YOU LOVE TITANS SO MUCH...

EREN...
YOU'LL SEE!! THERE WILL BE NO PEACE IN OUR TIME!!
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, THEY'RE GOING TO ANNEX THE SUDETEN-LAND!
ERWIN TRIED TO APPEASE THE TITANS, BUT THEY SPAT IN HIS FACE!
I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN ALL BE SO CALM ABOUT THIS!
BUT...
I AM THE BEST EQUIPPED TO ADVISE THIS CLUB.
YOUR WORDS ARE AS USELESS AS A FORK TO A GUY WHO HAS NO HANDS AND CAN'T USE A FORK!!
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT, AREN'T YOU?!
YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT MY FEELINGS?
WHA—?!
BUT I CANNOT ACCEPT THAT AS A REASON TO GIVE UP MY POSITION AS ADVISOR.
AS A TEACHER, I'VE HAD TO GIVE UP ON MY PRIDE TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
!!
I KNOW THAT THE SURVEY CLUB CAN'T JUST AVOID THE TITANS ALL THE TIME.

JUST BEING PART OF THE SURVEY CLUB...
...IS A REWARD WORTH FAR MORE THAN MY OWN DIGNITY.
...
IT SEEMS THE TITANS ARE MOVING ALONG.
AND SOON THE SUN WILL BE SETTING.
LET'S GATHER UP THE BUNS AND HEAD BACK TO THE PENSION.
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.

JUST WHAT IS THAT MAN UP TO, ANYWAY?
...
Let's go.
SORRY, MIKASA. I'D LIKE TO BE ALONE.
THEN I'LL...
WAIT! YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN ROOM, DON'T YOU?
YES...
LET'S GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM, EREN.
THAT CURRY WAS GREAT!
YOU GUYS GO AHEAD... I WANT TO BROOD MORE.
WHAT KIND OF LEADER WOULD I BE THEN?!
NO... I CAN'T USE COMMON SENSE...
DOES THAT MEAN HE ISN'T THE KIND OF GUY I THOUGHT HE WAS...?
IF THAT'S TRUE, IT MEANS HE MUST HAVE HIS OWN GOALS...
HE SAYS HE'S BEST EQUIPPED TO BE OUR ADVISOR?
...THAT'S WHAT THE SURVEY CLUB REALLY NEEDS!
SOMEONE WHO HATES THE TITANS DEEP DOWN AND WANTS TO EXTERMINATE THEM...

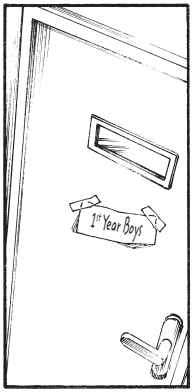

...AND SO EREN'S MINDSET REMAINED PRETTY MUCH THE SAME.
PASSIVITY IS DEATH! BETTER TO LIVE A DAY AS A LION THAN 100 YEARS AS A SHEEP!
BAM
BLOOD ALONE MOVES THE WHEELS OF HISTORY!!

STOP QUOTING THAT PUDGY ITALIAN AND GO TO BED!!
SHUT UP!! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!

KACHAK
DAMN IT! I SHOULD BE ADVISOR MYSELF! THAT WOULD SOLVE ALL THESE PROBLEMS...

HEY, EREN!

REINER, DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN BLANKET?
YOU KNOW THAT KRISTA? GEE, SHE SURE WAS CUTE TODAY!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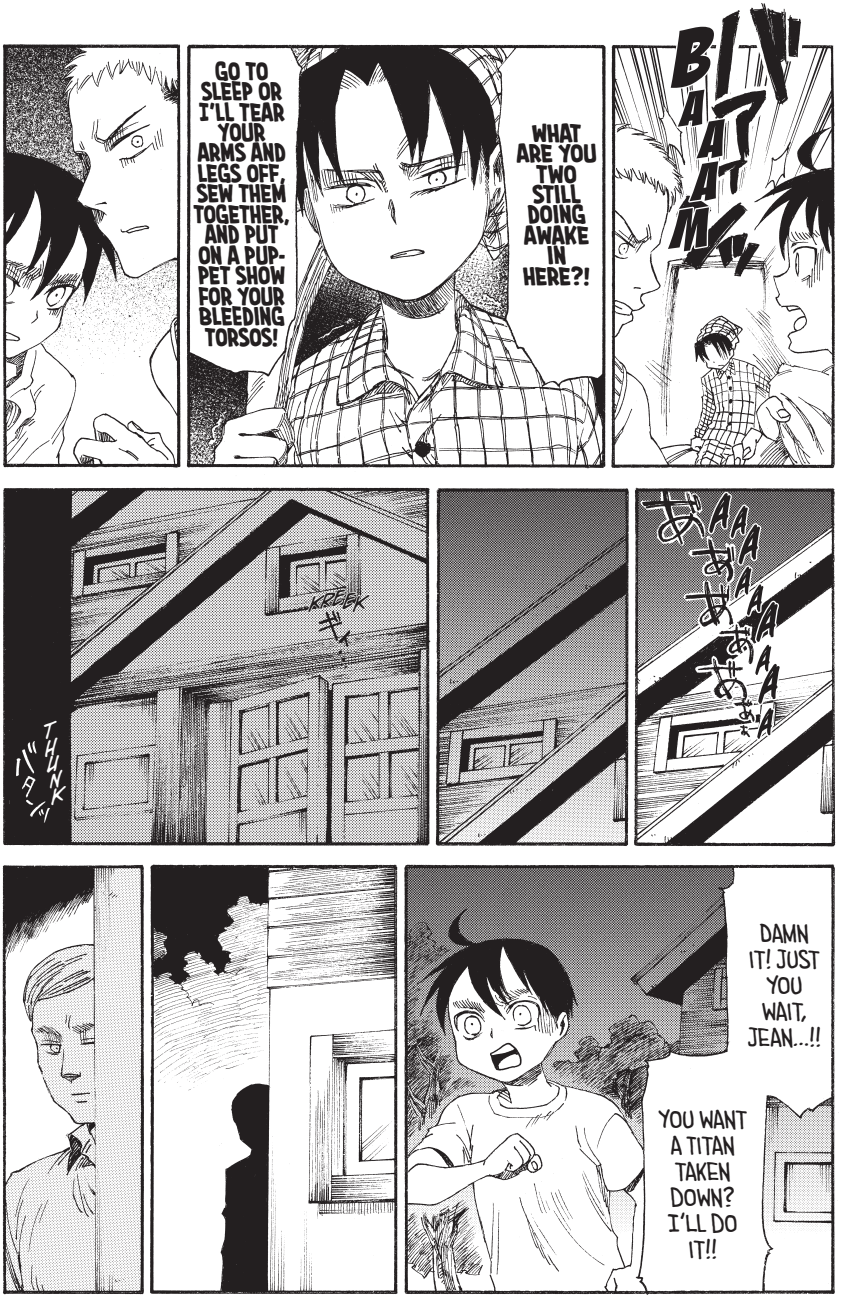
HE'S A TRAITOR TO HUMANITY WITH GREASY HAIR! THAT WEAK-WILLED, KHAKI-WEARING...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?! CAN'T YOU STOP TREATING HIM LIKE HE'S SOME KINDA SAINT?!
SHUT UP!!
HUH?
...JUST GROW UP AND GET OFF MR. SMITH'S BACK?
CAN'T YOU...
JEAN? WHAT?
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU ACTUALLY BEAT A SINGLE TITAN!
...YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT TO TALK SO BIG!
BUT HE MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR IT WITH HIS CAPACITY FOR HUMAN KINDNESS!
GRIP
SURE, HE DOESN'T PICK A LOSING FIGHT WITH EVERY TITAN HE SEES LIKE A CERTAIN SLACK-JAWED PROLE...
AND ANYWAY...
SCRUFFY?! IT'S ON NOW!!
WHO'RE YOU CALLING POINTY-HAIRED, YOU SCRUFFY-LOOKING FREAK?!
...BUT WITH ALL YOUR BLUSTER, YOU DON'T KNOW A SINGLE PERSON WHO COULD ADVISE US, DO YOU? YOU POINTY-HAIRED GOON!!
YOU'VE BEEN GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HOW SOMEBODY WHO'S NICE TO TITANS ISN'T RIGHT TO BE OUR ADVISOR...
HUH?
GAMPH!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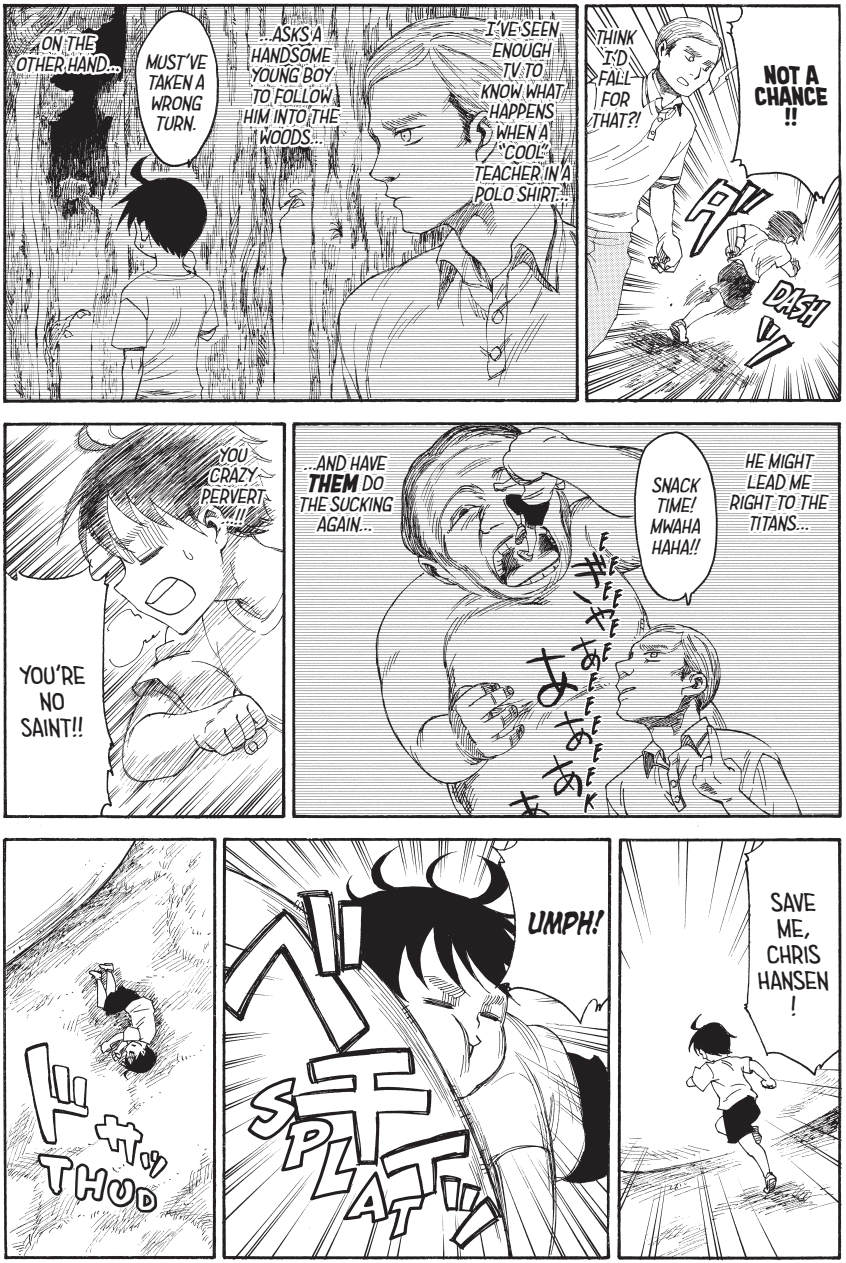
EREN?
THEY MUST BE CONFUSING ME ON PURPOSE... YOU JUST MADE MY LIST, TREES!
SINCE THE TITANS ARE SO BIG, I THOUGHT I'D FIND ONE IN NO TIME, BUT I DIDN'T COUNT ON THIS FOREST BEING FULL OF TREES...
WAIT, WHERE AM I...?
CHIK
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!!
WELL, WHAT IF I AM, PASTY-FACE?!
EREN ...
YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND THE TITANS, AREN'T YOU?
WH...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
...BUT IT'S NOT WHAT I'M THINK-ING!
FOLLOW ME.
YOU'RE TAKING THE LONG WAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINK-ING...
...WE'RE BOTH THINKING THE SAME THING.
MOST LIKELY ...
HUHH?!
I'LL GO WITH YOU.


I'VE SEEN ENOUGH TV TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A "COOL" TEACHER IN A POLO SHIRT...
...ASKS A HANDSOME YOUNG BOY TO FOLLOW HIM INTO THE WOODS...
MUST'VE TAKEN A WRONG TURN.
...ON THE OTHER HAND...
NOT A CHANCE !!
I THINK I'D FALL FOR THAT?!
DASH
HE MIGHT LEAD ME RIGHT TO THE TITANS...
SNACK TIME! MWAHA HAHA!!
...AND HAVE THEM DO THE SUCKING AGAIN...
YOU CRAZY PERVERT.....!!!
YOU'RE NO SAINT!!
SAVE ME, CHRIS HANSEN !
UMPH!
SPLAT!!
THUD

TWITCH
HEY...

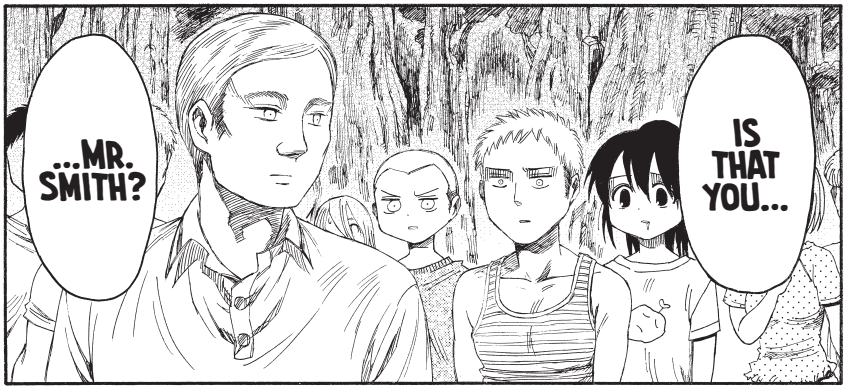
YOU WILL PUT THAT BOY DOWN THIS INSTANT!
TITANS!
YOU DON'T THINK MUCH OF ME, DO YOU?
WELL, IT'S TRUE...
...THAT WHILE YOU WERE STEALING PEOPLE'S LUNCHES, HIDING YOUR POOR TEST SCORES, AND TREATING THE THINGS YOU STOLE AS IF THEY WERE TRASH...
...THAT I SIMPLY STOOD BY.

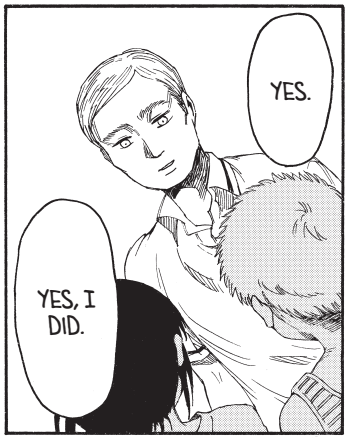
DURING SCHOOL HOURS, I CANNOT STAND AGAINST TITANS NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO.
I HAVE A REPUTATION TO PRESERVE AS A TEACHER.
AND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION KEEPS CLOSE TABS.
HOWEVER ...
FSSSH
TODAY IS SUNDAY, AND THERE IS NO SCHOOL TODAY.
AND I AM ONLY HERE AS ADVISOR TO A CLUB.
THERE IS NOTHING TO RESTRAIN ME NOW!
?!
TODAY, THIS OVERNIGHTER ...
...WAS A DAY I ENJOYED LIKE FEW OTHERS.
NOW I THINK I'LL GIVE YOU...
...GUIDANCE TO MAKE UP FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR OF YOUR ACTIONS.

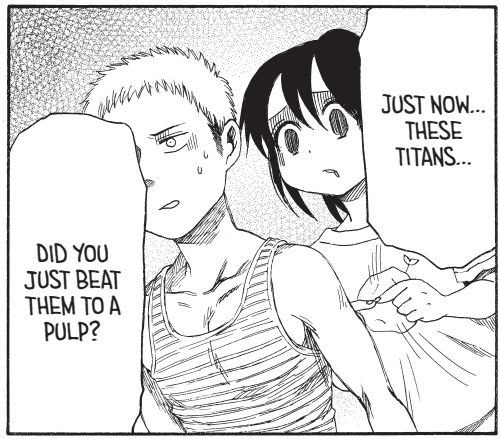
DODOOOM
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHOA?!
RATTLE
RATTLE
EEEK!
KACHAK
ARE YOU GIRLS ALL RIGHT?
WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED ALL THAT SHAKING...?
COULD IT BE THOSE TITANS AT THEIR OVERNIGHTER?
BUT EVEN SO...
NO.

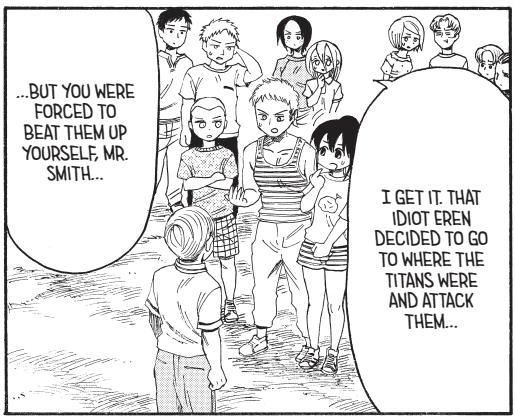
I THINK IT'S HIM.
ZHAAAN
ZHAAAN
WHAT?
YOU SAY YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH?
I GUESS ...
...I COULD HAVE GOTTEN A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY...

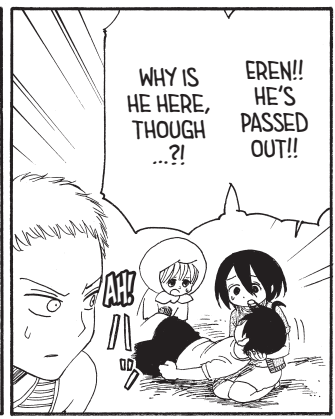
HM ...
NO...
I DON'T THINK I HAVE YET.
GRATCH
ZUSHAAAKKアアア
PHEW
HUH ...?
UM...


IS THAT YOU...
...MR. SMITH?


YES.
YES, I DID.


JUST NOW... THESE TITANS...
DID YOU JUST BEAT THEM TO A PULP?

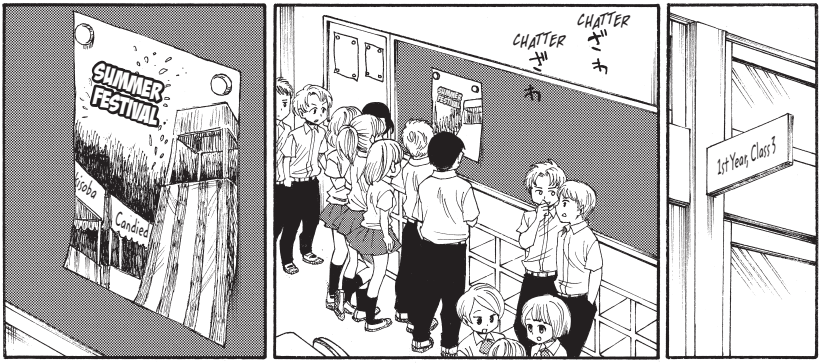

...BUT YOU WERE FORCED TO BEAT THEM UP YOURSELF, MR. SMITH...
I GET IT. THAT IDIOT EREN DECIDED TO GO TO WHERE THE TITANS WERE AND ATTACK THEM...

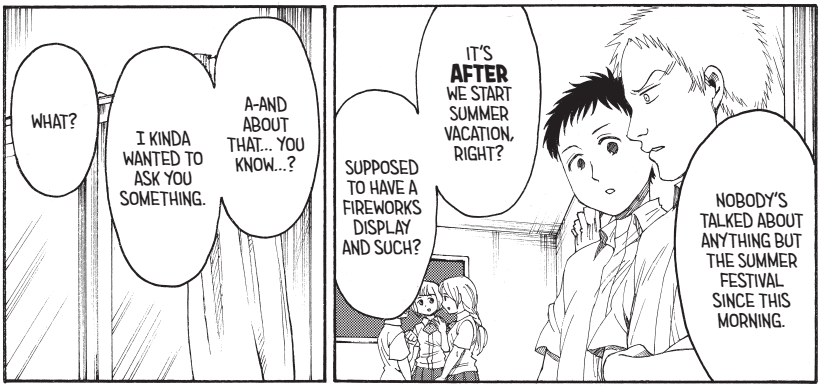

WHY IS HE HERE, THOUGH ...?!
EREN!! HE'S PASSED OUT!!
AHH!

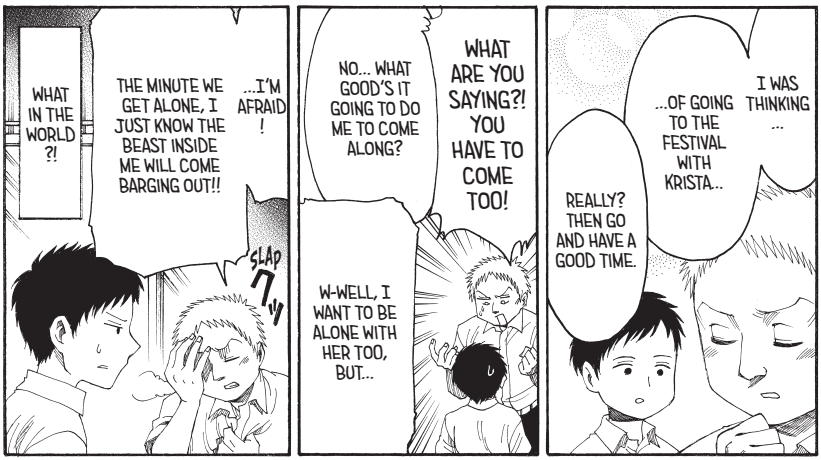
I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO DO IT.
NO.
I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD ...
...WIPE EVERY TITAN IN EXISTENCE OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
HUH...? BUT MR. SMITH, YOU'RE NORMALLY SO NICE TO TITANS.
JUST BECAUSE I'M NICE TO THEM DOESN'T MEAN I LIKE THEM.
QUITE THE OPPO-SITE ...
AFTER THAT DAY, MR. SMITH WAS SAID TO BE THE BEST FACULTY ADVISOR THAT THE SURVEY CLUB EVER HAD.
...A GOOD OVER-NIGHTER.
I REALLY LOVE...
Haven't I heard that line before?
YEAH, BUT I MUST SAY...

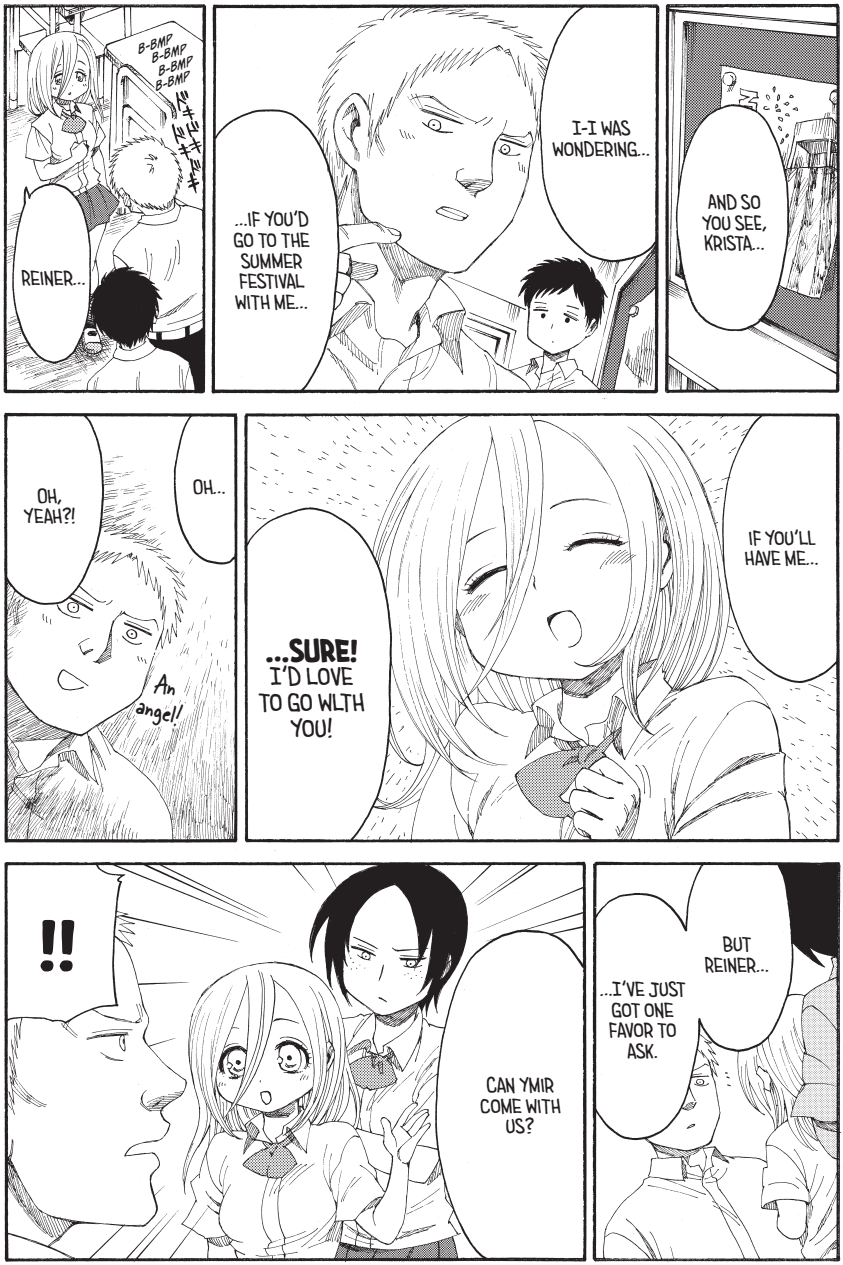
ONLY THAT I KNOW I WAS NEVER ABLE TO GET MR. SMITH TO QUIT...
DAMN IT... I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE OVERNIGHTER FROM ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH ON...
THE NEXT DAY...
AREN'T YOU HAPPY THAT MR. SMITH IS YOUR ADVISOR?
HUH? WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
IT SHOULD BE US SAYING THOSE WORDS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DOOM AND GLOOM FOR YOU," EREN?!
NOW THE WHOLE SURVEY CLUB WILL BE JUST DOOM AND GLOOM FOR ME.
AND AFTER THAT, EREN BECAME A MODEL ON WHICH FUTURE GENERATIONS OF SURVEY CLUB MEMBERS WERE BASED. MAYBE?
I'M GONNA WIPE EACH AND EVERY ONE OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!!
THAT TITAN JERK IS LOOKING OVER THIS WAY!!
BAAM
MR. SMITH IS WAY TOO MUCH LIKE YOU!
NOT EVEN A LITTLE BIT!
AH!!

NINETEENTH PERIOD: LOVE IS FIREWORKS IN THE DISTANT PAST OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT





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REINER...
...IF YOU'D GO TO THE SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH ME...
I-I WAS WONDERING...
AND SO YOU SEE, KRISTA...
OH...
OH, YEAH?!
An angel!
...SURE! I'D LOVE TO GO WITH YOU!
IF YOU'LL HAVE ME...
!!
CAN YMIR COME WITH US?
...I'VE JUST GOT ONE FAVOR TO ASK.
BUT REINER...

YOU'LL BE ESCORTING YMIR...
HUH?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, REINER?!
THAT'S PERFECT, SINCE BERTOLT WILL BE COMING ALONG AS WELL.
Y-YEAH, SURE...
Is her forehead coming, too?
AND SO, BERTOLT...
...YOU WILL FIND SOME OTHER WOMAN.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
THERE WON'T BE ANY GORILLAS AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL!
SHE WON'T BE ASSAULTED BY ANY GORILLAS THAT WAY.
KRISTA WILL BE COMING WITH ME.
...
IN THAT CASE, I WILL ASK SOMEONE ELSE...
BOTH THE GORILLA AND I WILL BE WITH KRISTA, SO WE CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE!
NO IT ISN'T!
F-FINE WITH ME...

NO...
I DO NOT NEED TO.
WHAT IS IT, YMIR?
WHY ARE WE HERE IN SUCH AN ISOLATED PLACE?
I WILL NOT CLAIM MUCH OF YOUR TIME.
I THINK ...
...THAT YOU LIKE ANNIE.
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I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, YMIR.
INVITE ANNIE TO THE FESTIVAL.
THIS HAS ADVANTAGES FOR BOTH OF US.
NO, ACTUALLY, I DON'T MIND GOING ALONE...
I DO MIND.
THE GORILLA TRIED TO PUSH ME ONTO YOU IN MID-DISCUSSION.
NOOOO!
BUT HERE KRISTA HAD ALREADY PROMISED TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL WITH ME.
THERE IS NO DOUBT HE IS TRYING TO GET KRISTA ALONE SO HE CAN DO GORILLA GRUNTS AT HER!
IS THAT RIGHT?
SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW.
IN THAT CASE...
...I'LL GO WITH KRISTA, AND IF YOU GO WITH REINER, THEN...
AREN'T YOU GETTING THAT BACK-WARDS?
LISTEN! TODAY! YOU ASK HER OUT TODAY!!
IF YOU DON'T ASK HER, I WILL COME OUT AND TELL ANNIE THAT YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH HER!!

...THAT THERE'S A GUY WHO KEEPS STARING AT HER WHEN SHE ISN'T LOOKING.
FIRST I'LL TELL ANNIE...
ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'LL DO THIS, BUT ONLY BECAUSE I'M NICE!
NO... WAIT, YMIR...
I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOUR SUCCESS, STALK-OLT.
SEE YOU.
...I JUST WANT TO SIT QUIETLY AND BE IGNORED!
WHY DO ALL THESE CRISES HAPPEN TO ME...?
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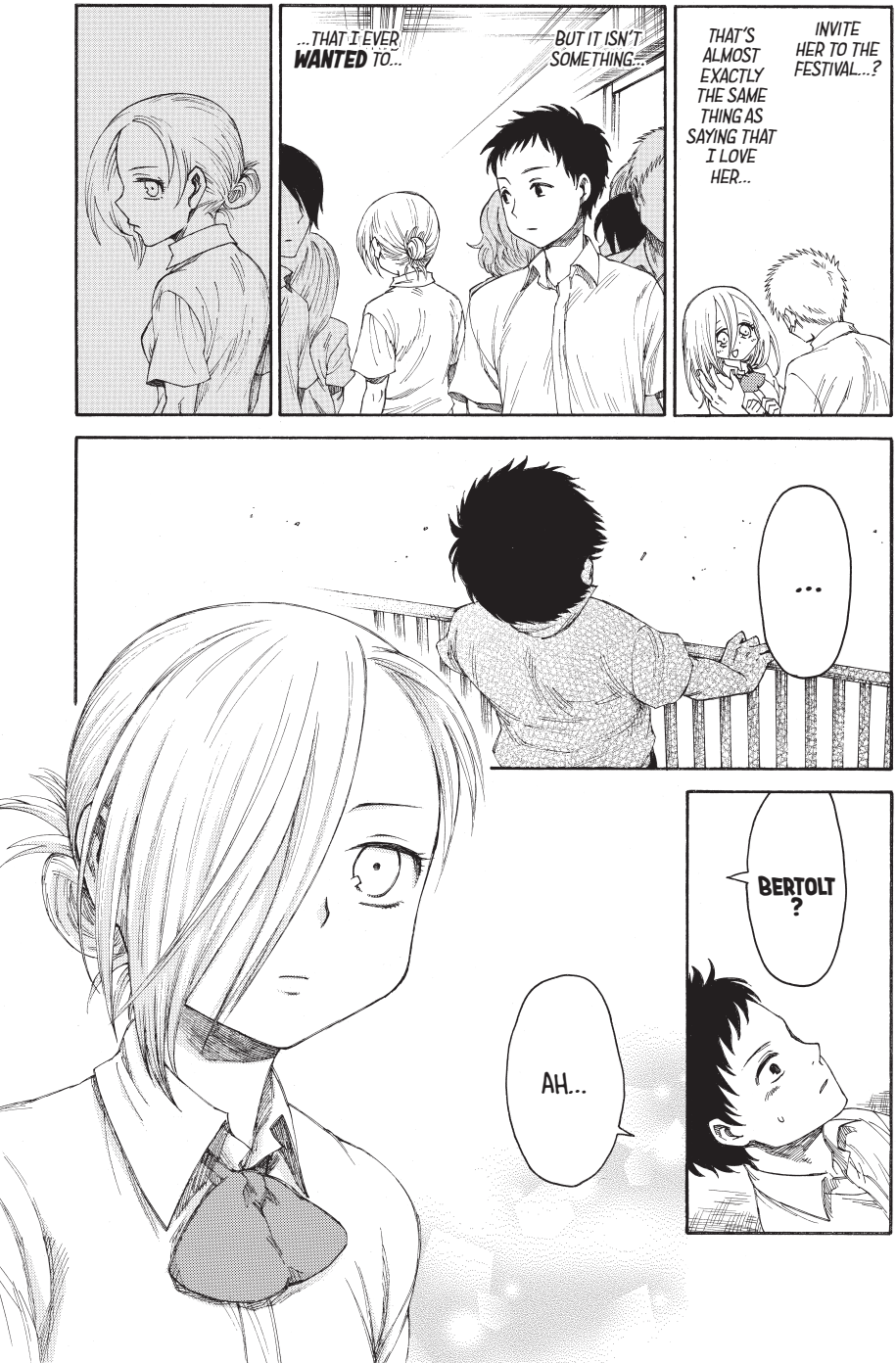
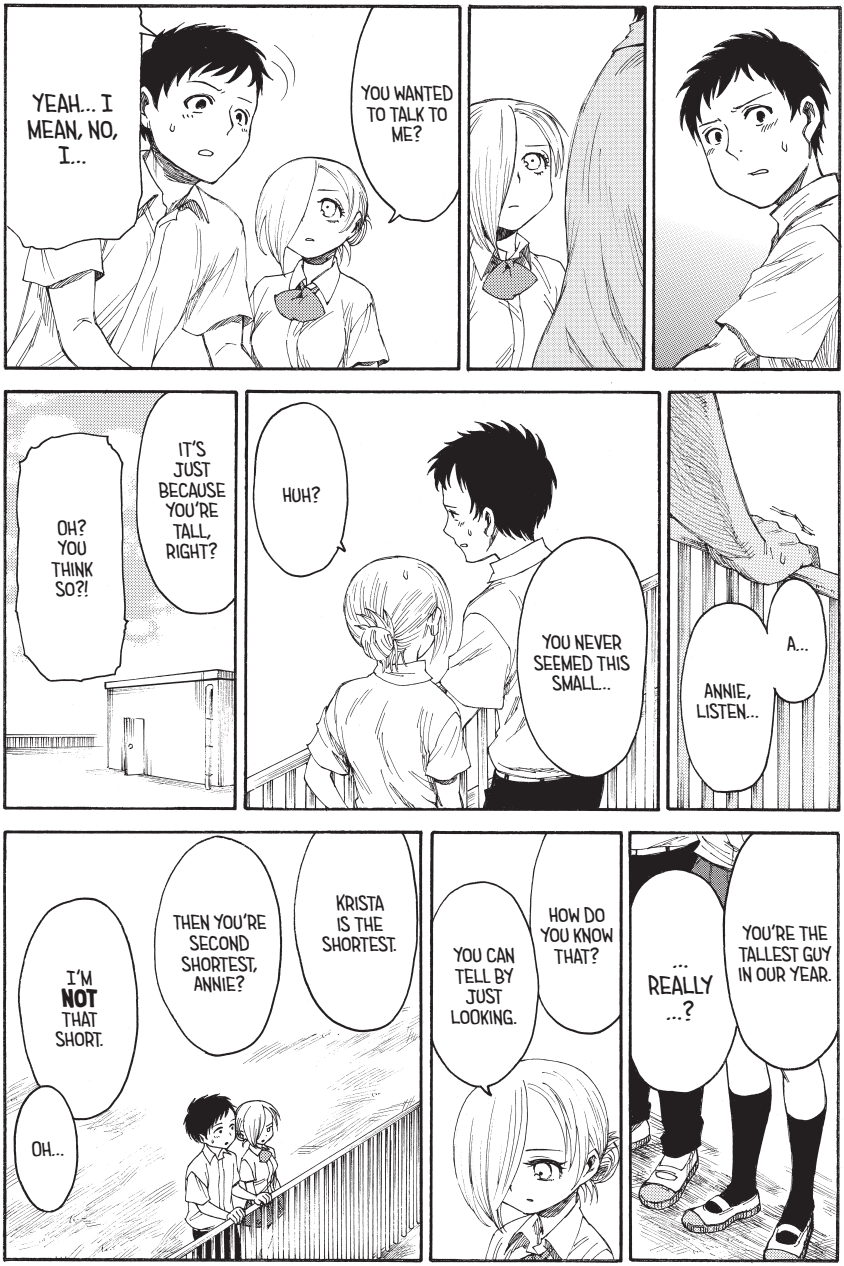

...THAT I EVER WANTED TO...
BUT IT ISN'T SOMETHING...
INVITE HER TO THE FESTIVAL...?
THAT'S ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME THING AS SAYING THAT I LOVE HER...
...
BERTOLT ?
AH...


YEAH... I MEAN, NO, I...
YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME?
A...
ANNIE, LISTEN...
YOU NEVER SEEMED THIS SMALL...
HUH?
IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE TALL, RIGHT?
OH? YOU THINK SO?!
YOU'RE THE TALLEST GUY IN OUR YEAR.
... REALLY ...?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU CAN TELL BY JUST LOOKING.
KRISTA IS THE SHORTEST.
THEN YOU'RE SECOND SHORTEST, ANNIE?
I'M NOT THAT SHORT.
OH...

YOU KNOW THERE'S A FESTIVAL, RIGHT?!
YOU KNOW ...
Y...
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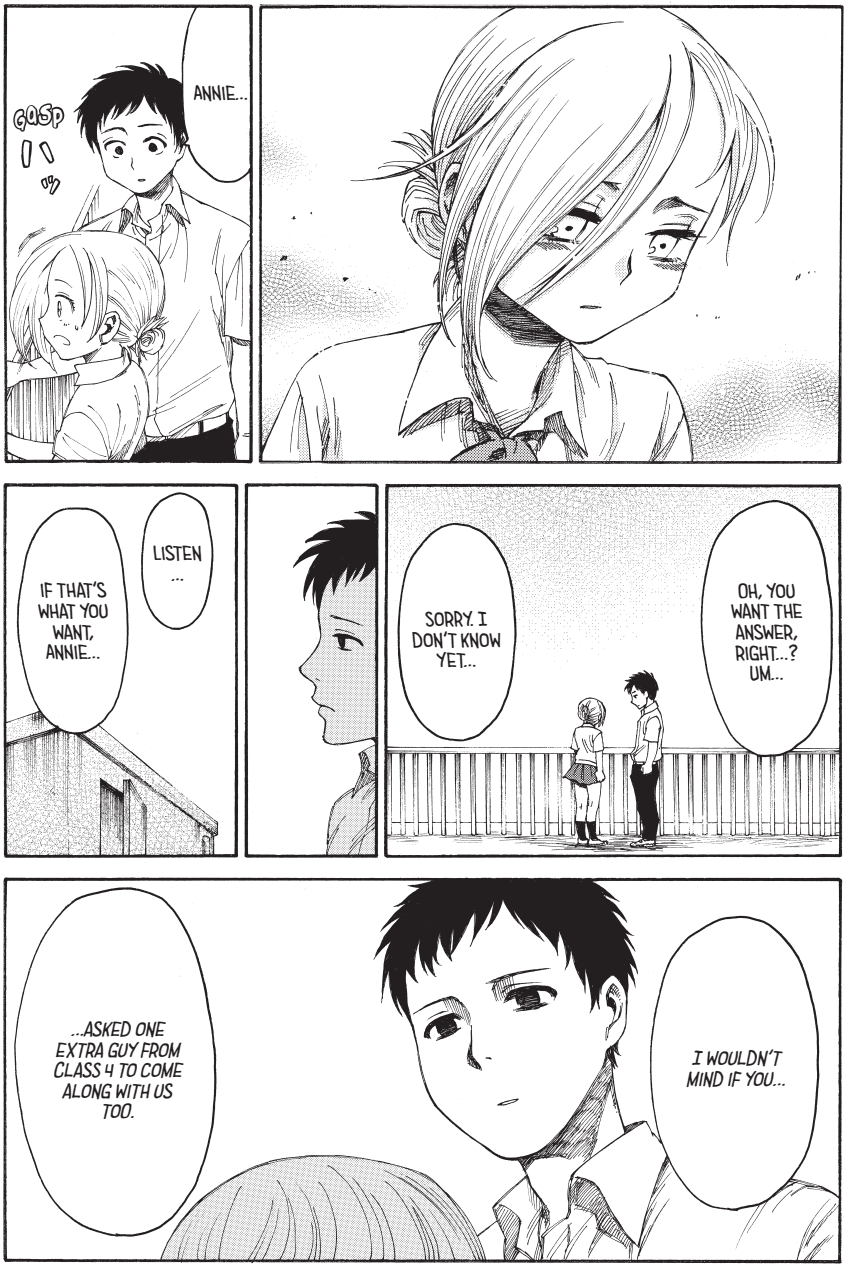
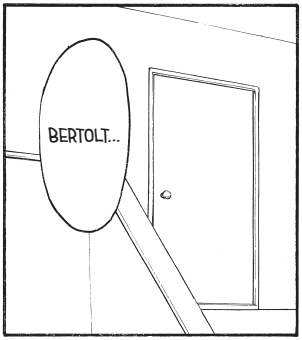
ANNIE?
IS THERE SOMETHING DOWN THERE?
AND ABOUT THE FESTIVAL, DO YOU MIND IF I PUT YOU ON HOLD FOR A LITTLE BIT...?
I CAN'T REALLY GIVE YOU AN ANSWER RIGHT NOW.
N-NO, NOTHING AT ALL!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK DOWN THERE!!
?
P-PERSONALLY, I DON'T MIND WAITING, BUT...
...IF POSSIBLE, COULD YOU GIVE ME AN ANSWER TODAY?
URK...
DO IT TODAY OR I GUT YOU LIKE A PRAWN!

WHAT'S DOWN THERE?
SHE'S LOOKING DOWN AGAIN.


ANNIE...
GASP
LISTEN ...
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ANNIE...
SORRY. I DON'T KNOW YET...
OH, YOU WANT THE ANSWER, RIGHT...? UM...
I WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU...
...ASKED ONE EXTRA GUY FROM CLASS 4 TO COME ALONG WITH US TOO.

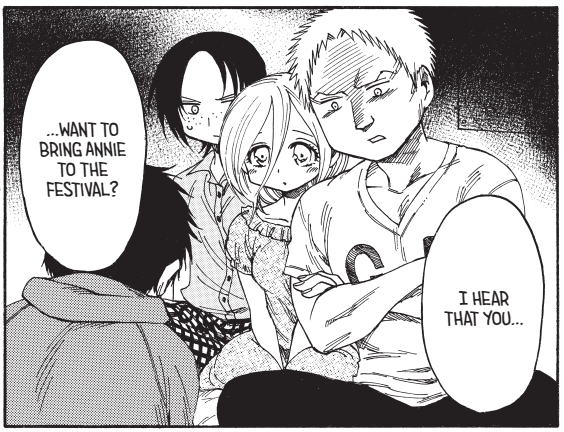
!!
WHY CLASS 4?
AND THAT SHOULD BALANCE OUT THE GIRL/BOY RATIO.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO, IF IT'S SOMEBODY YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH.
IF THERE'S NOBODY THERE, THEN ANOTHER CLASS, MAYBE?
NO...
...
THERE'S JEAN AND ARMIN, AND WHO ELSE...
I-I HAVE SOME FRIENDS IN CLASS 4 TOO...
...ASK ONE MORE GUY TO COME, RIGHT?
AND I SHOULD ...
I'LL GO.
ALL RIGHT.

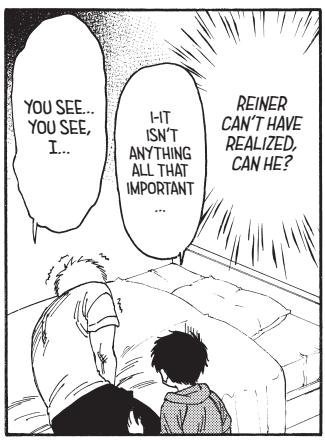
GRIMP
YEAH...
...
MAN, POOR BERTOLT... I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR THE LITTLE BITCH.
HM...

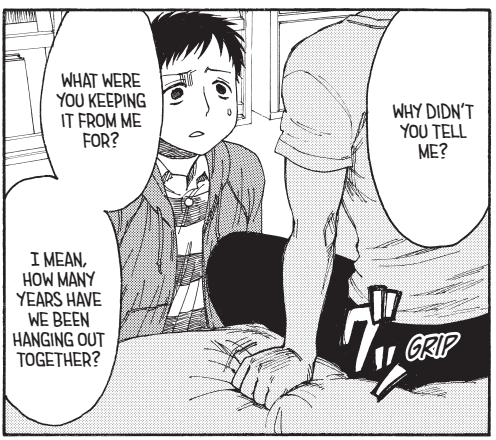

BERTOLT...

BERTOLT'S HOUSE ...

YEAH...
Why is everyone on my bed but me?
WHAT ABOUT IT?


...WANT TO BRING ANNIE TO THE FESTIVAL?
I HEAR THAT YOU...


YOU SEE... YOU SEE, I...
I-IT ISN'T ANYTHING ALL THAT IMPORTANT ...
REINER CAN'T HAVE REALIZED, CAN HE?


WHAT WERE YOU KEEPING IT FROM ME FOR?
I MEAN, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE WE BEEN HANGING OUT TOGETHER?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
GRIP

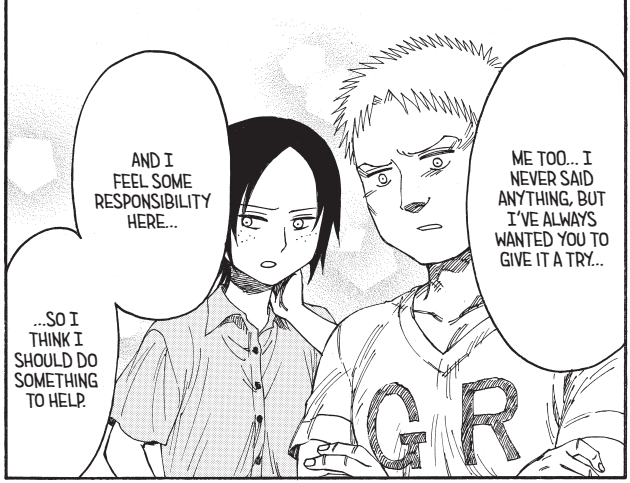
YOU SHOULD TELL ME ABOUT THESE THINGS! YOU HORNY DEVIL!
ANNIE DATE PLAN
A Festival Date for the Shy Guy
9:00 Shower before going out.
Check for bad breath
Arrive 50 minutes prior to meet-up time.
16:00 Win her some prizes at the festival.
Eat cotton candy together.
19:00 Find a place a bit distant from the crowd to watch fireworks together.
21:00 Make her laugh at least three times.
22:00 Walk her all the way back to her front
Say that you are thirsty, and
her to invite you in for tea.
Anything after that is up to you!
...MADE UP A DATE PLAN FOR YOU AND ANNIE AGES AGO!!
ACTUALLY, THIS IS MUCH WORSE...
...HUH?

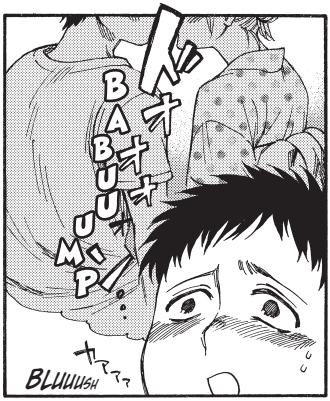
WH-WH-WH-WHAT IS THIS ?!
REINER, YOU ALWAYS KNEW I WAS...
SURE!!
THE WAY YOU'RE ALWAYS GLANCING IN HER DIRECTION, HOW COULD I NOT NOTICE?!
Krista
Hm?
PRETTY MUCH EVERYBODY IN CLASS KNOWS.
N-NO, THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...
あああああああああああ
I never knew that.
IT'S PRETTY MUCH A REGULAR TOPIC OF GOSSIP AMONG THE GIRLS...
B-B-B-B-BUT HOW COULD EVERY-BODY REALIZE?!
C-CALM DOWN, BERTOLT.
I CAN UNDER-STAND REINER, MAYBE...
...BUT I'VE BEEN DOING ALL I COULD TO MAKE SURE NOBODY ELSE KNEW...!!
ANYWAY, JUST TRY TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ALL THIS.
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET CLOSER TO ANNIE!

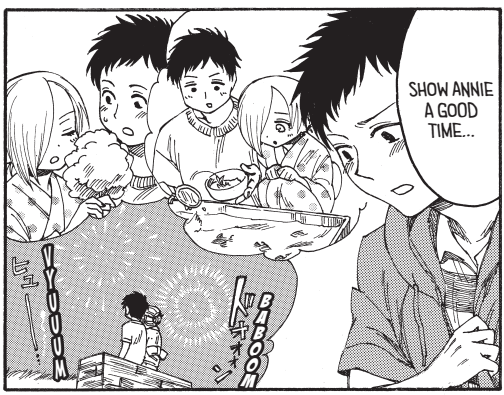
NO WAY I CAN DO THAT, REINER!!
...AND TELL ANNIE HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER, THEN...
SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO NOW IS FOLLOW MY DATE PLAN TO THE LETTER...
YOU FINALLY ASKED HER OUT TO THE FESTIVAL!
NO...I...
ANNIE DATE PLAN
...ANNIE WILL PROBABLY BRING EREN WITH HER WHEN SHE COMES...
YES, I ASKED ANNIE TO THE FESTIVAL...
...BUT...
...
HUH...?
BERTOLT...
...I DON'T THINK ANNIE AND I WILL EVER...
WHAT IT MEANS IS, ALTHOUGH I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP...
HOW CAN...
SO YOU SEE...? YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, RIGHT?
ANNIE DATE PLAN

IS THAT ALL THE LOVE YOU CAN SCRAPE TOGETHER FOR ANNIE?! YOU PRISSY LITTLE WIMP!
Huh...?
DID YOU GROW LADY PARTS WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING?! YOU PATHETIC MOLLUSK!!
SLAAAP!!
THERE ARE NO "BUTS"!! SHOW SOME NUTS!!
B-BUT...
...BUT THAT IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO GIVE UP, BERTOLT!! YOU... STAMMERING GIBBON!!
YEAH, I'M SURE THAT ANNIE MIGHT HAVE A THING FOR EREN...
SO TAKE ANNIE TO THE FESTIVAL ANY WAY YOU CAN AND SHOW HER A GOOD TIME!!
AND WE'LL BE BACKING YOU UP!
WHO CARES WHAT FORM IT TAKES? YOU WANT TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL WITH HER, RIGHT?!
I CAN'T SAY IF YOU'LL BOTH END UP FEELING THE SAME WAY ABOUT EACH OTHER, BUT YOU'VE BEEN GAZING AT HER FROM AFAR FOR SO LONG...

YOU GUYS...


AND I FEEL SOME RESPONSIBILITY HERE...
...SO I THINK I SHOULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP.
ME TOO... I NEVER SAID ANYTHING, BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED YOU TO GIVE IT A TRY...


BAUUUMP
BLUUUSH


SHOW ANNIE A GOOD TIME...
BIBOOON
PYOOOM

LET'S BEGIN OUR PLANNING FOR THE FESTIVAL.
FIRST ...

ALL RIGHT!!
I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT!!
OKAY ...!
GOOD! THEN IT'S DECIDED!

...!!
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O...

THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL...
HOT DOGS
BANANAS
CANDIED APPLES
OH...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
ONCE ANNIE GETS HERE, THE FIRST THING YOU DO IS...
R-RIGHT...
LISTEN TO ME. JUST DO IT LIKE WE ALL PLANNED, AND IT'LL BE FINE!
KRISTA, YOU LOOK SO CUTE!!
N-NOT AT ALL! WE JUST GOT HERE OUR-SELVES!
Eek!
Quit your noise.
SORRY!! IT TOOK US A WHILE TO GET THE YUKATA ON RIGHT...

FIND AT LEAST ONE CONCRETE THING TO PRAISE ABOUT HER.
THERE ISN'T A GIRL IN THE WORLD WHO'LL BE INSULTED BY BEING CALLED CUTE!
FIRST, ON THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL WHEN YOU MEET ANNIE, YOU TELL HER SHE LOOKS CUTE!!
I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY TO GO...
N-NOW I GET IT...
HEE HEE! THANKS SO MUCH, REINER!
HEEEEY!!
ANNIE... YOU LOOK...
U-UMM...
YES?
AH... UM...
THAT'S HOW YOU'LL TAKE ONE STEP ABOVE EREN'S LEVEL.
HM? YEAH, MAYBE, BUT YOU GOT HERE, SO...
YOU GUYS SHOULDA COME TO MEET ME...
ISN'T THIS PLACE KINDA HARD TO FIND?
OH!
IS THIS WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET UP?!

ANNIE... YOU LOOK REALLY PRETTY DRESSED IN A YUKATA.
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IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!
TH-THANK YOU...
H...
HE GOT AHEAD OF ME ON THE FIRST STEP!!
R-REINER ...!
HM?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
YOU SHOULDA TOLD HER FIRST THING!!
WELL, IT'S NOT TOO LATE, SO...
AH!
EREN! DON'T GO RUNNING ON AHEAD OF US!!
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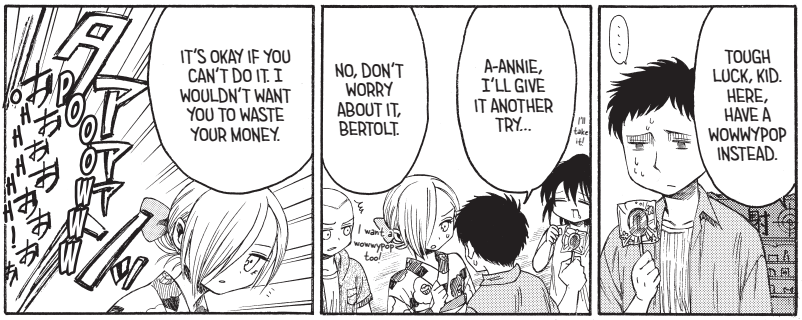
I BET THOSE YUKATAS WERE EXPENSIVE, TOO...
IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU TOO, ANNIE!
HEEEY! KRISTA, YOU LOOK SO CUTE IN A YUKATA!
WHEN I SAID I WAS GOING TO THE FESTIVAL, THEY ALL CAME ALONG.
DID YOU INVITE THEM?
WH-WHY ARE ALL OF THEM HERE...?
EVERY AVENUE OF APPROACH HAS BEEN CUT OFF!!
Wow, Mikasa, for once I'm not terrified of you!
THEY'VE SURROUNDED HER...
I HEAR SHE SOAKS THEM IN WATER SO THEY SLIDE DOWN HER GULLET EASIER.
...
YEAH... PLUS I GOTTA WEAR LOOSE CLOTHING TO BEAT MY RECORD 27 CORN DOGS!
IS THAT WHY YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, SASHA?
THE NEXT...
CASTELLA SPONGE CAKE
SHAVED ICE
...YOU CAN MAKE UP ALL THE GROUND YOU LOST IN ONE MOVE!
IF YOU CAN DO THAT ONE RIGHT...
TH-THEN GO ON TO THE NEXT STEP!!
REINER... I THINK IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE FOR ME...

YES, THE TARGET SHOOT! THE ONE FESTIVAL STALL WHERE A MAN'S MANLINESS SPURTS FORTH IN MANTASTIC RAYS OF MANITUDE!
HEY, YOU GUYS WANT TO DO THE TARGET SHOOT?
HUH? HEY, GOOD IDEA!
TARGET SHOOT
SHOW HER WHAT A MAN YOU ARE IN THE TARGET SHOOT, BERTOLT!!
Cotton Candy
Cotton Candy
UM, ANNIE...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE?
HM?
OF COURSE, IF HE CAN'T HIT JUST WHAT SHE DESIRES...
...IS A MAN'S WAY OF SHOWING A LADY HE CAN PROTECT HER, AND SATISFY HER SQUISHY AND/OR DANGLY PARTS."
MY FATHER ONCE TOLD ME, "SON, IT'S ONLY NATURAL. HITTING A TEDDY BEAR WITH A CORK GUN FROM FOUR FEET AWAY...
Here you go.
Ooh! Put it in!
GO!!
OKAY...
LET'S SEE... THAT HUGE HACCHAN SQUID.
GOT IT!
HACCHAN


TOUGH LUCK, KID. HERE, HAVE A WOWWYPOP INSTEAD.
A-ANNIE, I'LL GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY...
I'll take it!
NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, BERTOLT.
I want a wowwypop too!
IT'S OKAY IF YOU CAN'T DO IT. I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO WASTE YOUR MONEY.
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IF I WANTED ANYTHING, IT'D BE THAT HUGE CHOCOLATE THING THERE...
THUD
HYAAAH!!!
POW
I JUST LOOKED AT YOU, AND YOUR SOUL TOLD MINE, "I WANT A BIG SLAB OF PORK."
IT DID NOT!
That must have been Sasha!
YOU'RE SURE I CAN HAVE IT?
YES...
!!
BLUE THUNDER
EREN, HERE.
HEH
MISTER, I WANT ONE MORE TRY!
TWO MORE TRIES FOR ME!!
TARGET SHOOT
POOOWWW

I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD GET ME THAT STUFF!
THOSE GIRLS ARE AMAZING!
...!
NO, DON'T YOU REALLY WANT A RED KING CRAB, A TIN OF CANNED MACKEREL, AND TEN SNICKERS BARS?
EREN! HERE'S A TOY BASEBALL GAME, PICKLED KELP, AND TOOTHPASTE. THEY'RE YOURS!
I want that!
I'm ruined!
BASEBALL
THE FUN'S IN GETTING WHAT I WANT MYSELF!
YOU DON'T JUST GRAB ANYTHING YOU CAN GET!!
YOU GUYS ...
WHY ARE THEY FAWNING OVER THAT DUMPY, BLANK-EYED LOBOTOMY VICTIM?
RIGHT, BERTOLT...?
YEAH, THAT ATTITUDE ISN'T VERY ATTRACTIVE TO ME, EITHER.
EREN IS SUCH A CLASSLESS MOOCHER!!
WOW, THAT THING CAN TALK?
EREN...
SO DON'T GET IN MY WAY!!
I'M GOING TO THE "CATCH THE SUPERBALL" BOOTH!
DASH

I SPENT ALL MY TIME TRYING TOO HARD TO BE MACHO LIKE REINER'S DAD...
HEY, WAIT! YOU'VE GOT THIS ALL WRONG!
...BUT EREN JUST STOOD THERE AND SAID, "NO!"
?!
HE'S SO MANLY...
EREN'S A PUNK! YOU'VE GOT A GENTLE SOUL! USE THAT TO MAKE HER NOTICE YOU!!
SORRY, I WAS ALL WRONG!
GRIP!
I DON'T THINK I CAN BEAT THAT!
Canned mackerel too?! This is the best day ever!
Can I have some?
Boo
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY ANNIE LIKES HIM...
PLACE YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT ANNIE FROM DANGER!!
CATCH THE SUPERBALL
GENTLE SOUL...?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
JUST MOVE TO THE NEXT PART OF THE PLAN...

DIDN'T I JUST SAY THAT I COULD DO IT MYSELF?!
EREN, I CAUGHT TWENTY BALLS, SO YOU CAN HAVE HALF...
...
First Prize
Second Prize
AND HEY, HE GAVE YOU TWO BALLS FOR FREE! ISN'T THAT GREAT?
YOU'LL DO BETTER NEXT TIME, EREN!
THE "OH NO YOUR YUKATA WILL GET DIRTY" PLAN (BY REINER)
NOT REALLY.
A-ARE YOU THIRSTY?
I SEE...
THE NEXT STEP..
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
AHHH
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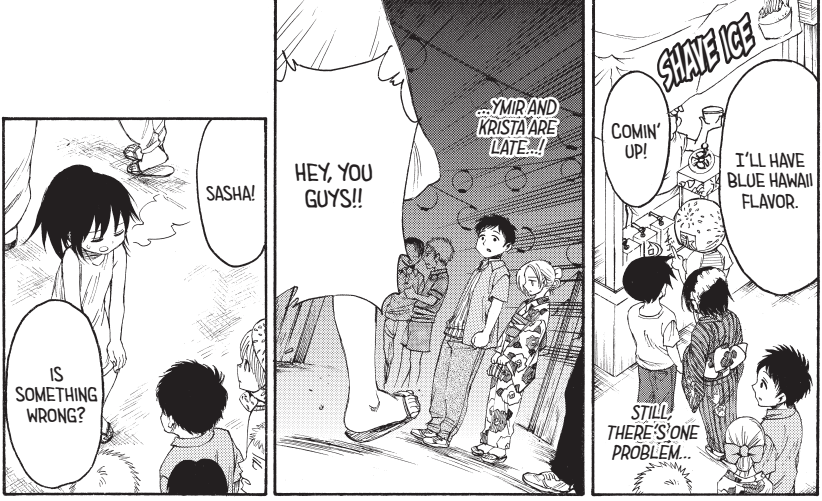
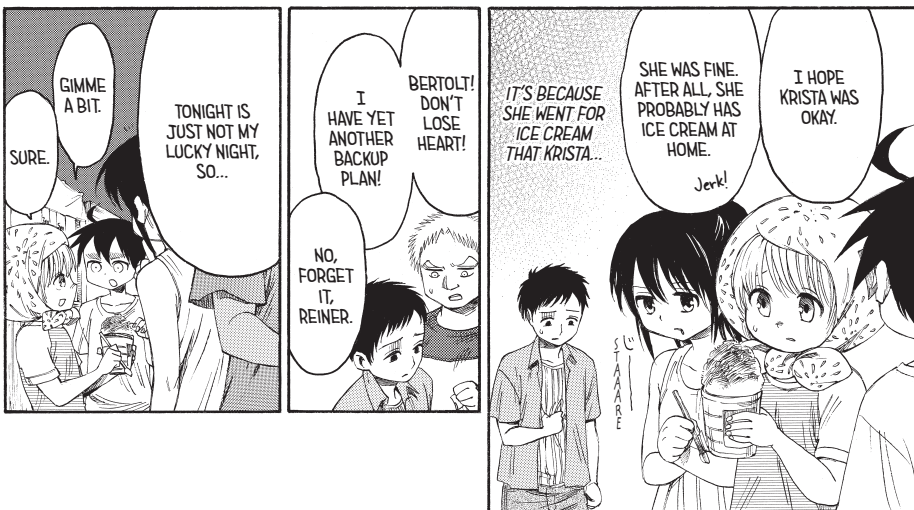
...
But you obviously can't
Shaddap!!
FIRST, YMIR AND KRISTA GO GET SOME ICE CREAM.
...AND CLOSE IN ON YOU AND ANNIE.
THEY'LL PRETEND TO HAVE AN ARGUMENT...
Huh?
You're so dumb, Ymir!
...YMIR WILL GIVE KRISTA A PUSH! JUST THEN...
You're acting like a six-year old!
THEN, JUST WHEN THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ANNIE...
BAM!
Eek!!

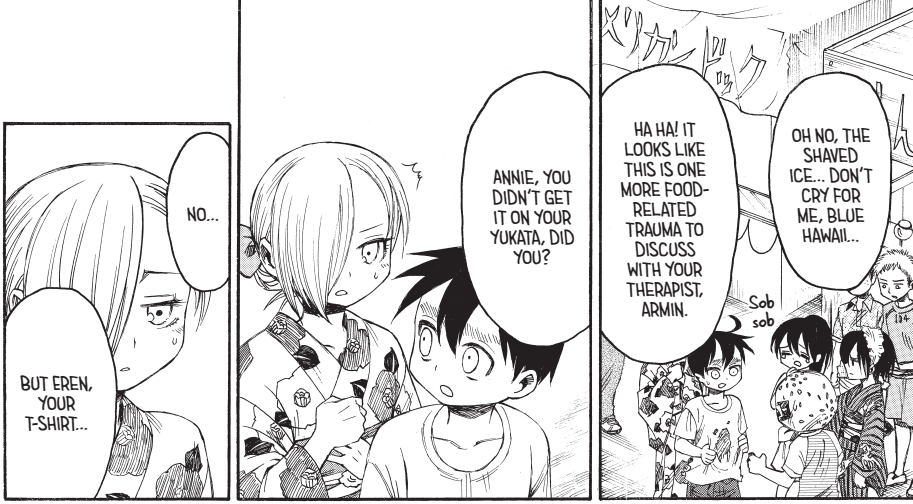
HA HA! I WAS JUST THINKING THIS SHIRT NEEDED A BIT OF LIVENING UP.
BUT EVEN MORE ...
BERTOLT, YOU'VE GOT ICE CREAM ON YOUR...
YOU JUMP IN FRONT AND TAKE THE ICE CREAM STAIN THAT WAS MEANT FOR HER!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SPLAT
AND DIRECTLY AFTER THAT...
BA-BUMP
BERTOLT ...
...YOU WEREN'T HURT, ANNIE!
...I'M JUST HAPPY THAT...
BUT MAYBE THIS WILL GIVE HER A SLIGHTLY BETTER IMPRESSION OF ME...
I can't screw this up.
WELL, WE CAN'T REALLY VANISH INTO THE CITY.
GWIP
...THE TWO OF YOU CAN SIMPLY VANISH INTO THE LIGHTS OF THE CITY...

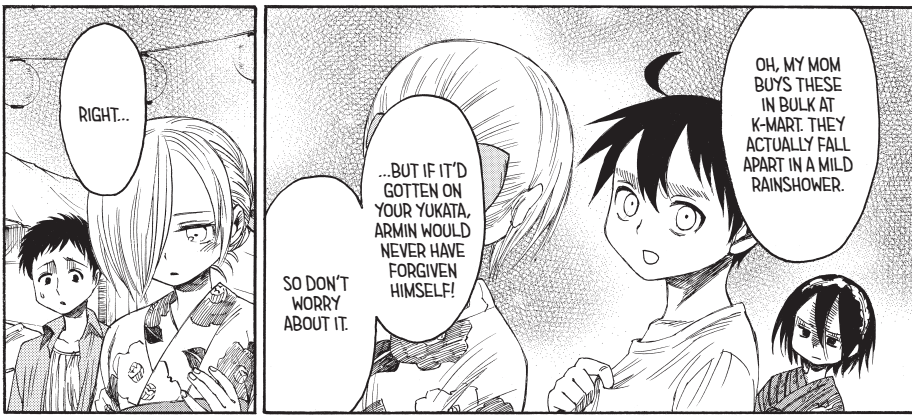

SHAVE ICE
I'LL HAVE BLUE HAWAII FLAVOR.
COMIN' UP!
STILL THERE'S ONE PROBLEM...
...YMIR AND KRISTA ARE LATE...!
HEY, YOU GUYS!!
SASHA!
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

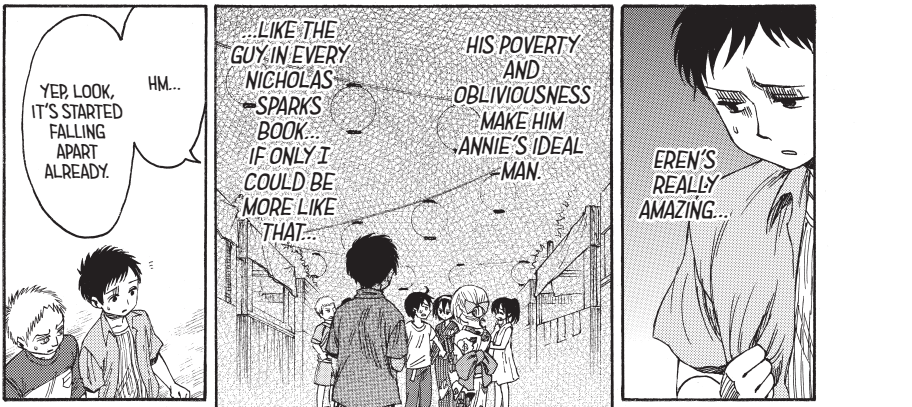
I WAS WITH KRISTA AND YMIR, BUT KRISTA'S SANDAL STRAP BROKE...
...SO YMIR GAVE HER A PIGGYBACK RIDE HOME, AND THEY COULDN'T BUY ME ICE CREAM!!
NO ONE REALLY CARES ABOUT THAT LAST PART...
A BROKEN STRAP IS BAD LUCK, RIGHT?
YOU'RE KIDDING...


I HOPE KRISTA WAS OKAY.
SHE WAS FINE. AFTER ALL, SHE PROBABLY HAS ICE CREAM AT HOME.
Jerk!
IT'S BECAUSE SHE WENT FOR ICE CREAM THAT KRISTA...
SLAAARE
BERTOLT! DON'T LOSE HEART!
I HAVE YET ANOTHER BACKUP PLAN!
NO, FORGET IT, REINER.
TONIGHT IS JUST NOT MY LUCKY NIGHT, SO...
GIMME A BIT.
SURE.

ARMIN, FOR ME?! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE! NGAAAAA ANGGGGG GHHHHHH
WAGH?!
IT'S THE GAPING MAW OF A BUG-BEAR!
WOBBLE
AWAY, FIEND!!
ANNIE!
HUH ...?
SPLAT
NNG...
AH...
EREN...!
NO WAY...


NO...
BUT EREN, YOUR T-SHIRT...
ANNIE, YOU DIDN'T GET IT ON YOUR YUKATA, DID YOU?
HA HA! IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS ONE MORE FOOD-RELATED TRAUMA TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR THERAPIST, ARMIN.
OH NO, THE SHAVED ICE... DON'T CRY FOR ME, BLUE HAWAII...
Sob sob


RIGHT...
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
...BUT IF IT'D GOTTEN ON YOUR YUKATA, ARMIN WOULD NEVER HAVE FORGIVEN HIMSELF!
OH, MY MOM BUYS THESE IN BULK AT K-MART. THEY ACTUALLY FALL APART IN A MILD RAINSHOWER.


HM...
YEP, LOOK, IT'S STARTED FALLING APART ALREADY.
...LIKE THE GUY IN EVERY NICHOLAS SPARKS BOOK... IF ONLY I COULD BE MORE LIKE THAT...
HIS POVERTY AND OBLIVIOUSNESS MAKE HIM ANNIE'S IDEAL MAN.
EREN'S REALLY AMAZING...

SEE? THE SLEEVES SUDDENLY DISAP-PEARED.
HUH ...?
SORRY. I'LL JUST RUN HOME AND...
HOLD IT, EREN!!
YOU CAN BORROW MY BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT, IF YOU LIKE.
IT MAY BE A LITTLE BIT BIG ON YOU, BUT...
YOU REALLY DON'T MIND?
I'M WEARING A T-SHIRT UNDER IT, SO IT'S NO PROBLEM.
It is pretty big...
THAT WAY, EREN DOESN'T HAVE TO GO HOME.
OKAY. I'LL BE SURE TO WASH IT BEFORE I GIVE IT BACK.
THAT'S ALL I CAN DO TO SHOW ANNIE A GOOD TIME...
GUESS I'LL TRY TO FIND A FERRIS WHEEL TO CLIMB...
HUH?
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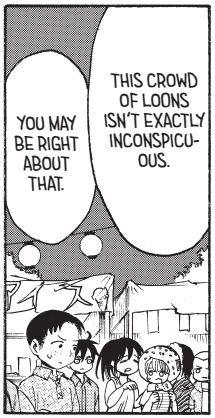
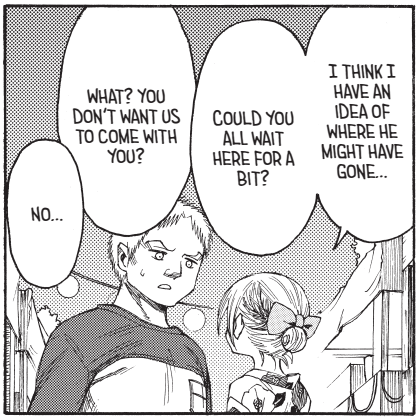
YOU DON'T THINK HE WENT HOME, DO YOU?
Hey, you guys! Look at this!

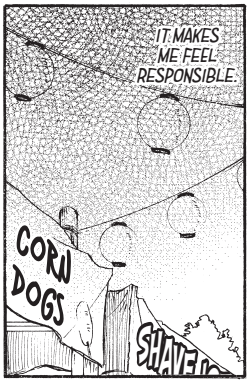
WHERE COULD BERTOLT HAVE GONE?
HE WASN'T OVER THIS WAY.
HE'S SO BIG, SO HOW CAN WE LOSE HIM SO EASILY?
ICE
APPLES

YOU FIND HIM?
DIED

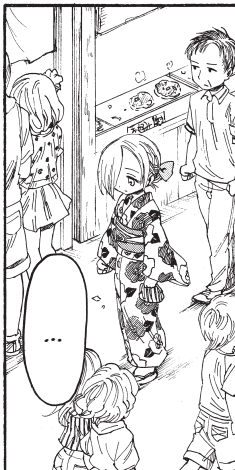

YOU MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.
THIS CROWD OF LOONS ISN'T EXACTLY INCONSPICUOUS.


NO...
WHAT? YOU DON'T WANT US TO COME WITH YOU?
COULD YOU ALL WAIT HERE FOR A BIT?
I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA OF WHERE HE MIGHT HAVE GONE...

SAY...
IT ISN'T LIKE HIM TO VANISH WITHOUT A WORD...


IT MAKES ME FEEL RESPONSIBLE.
CORN DOGS

...AFTER COMING UP AND INVITING ME TO THE FESTIVAL.
I'D RATHER HE NOT JUST VANISH...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Pick any of the above sh
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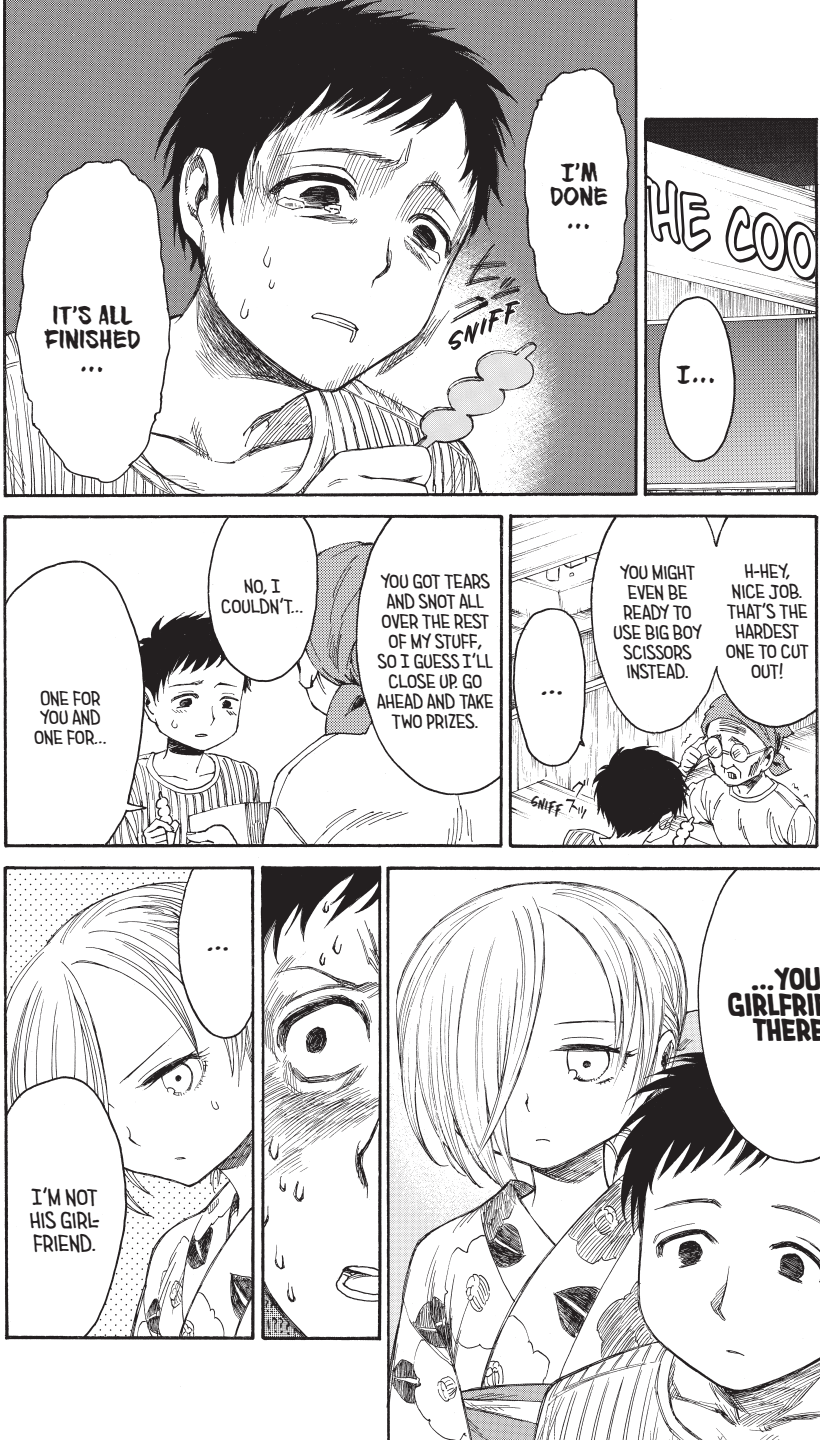
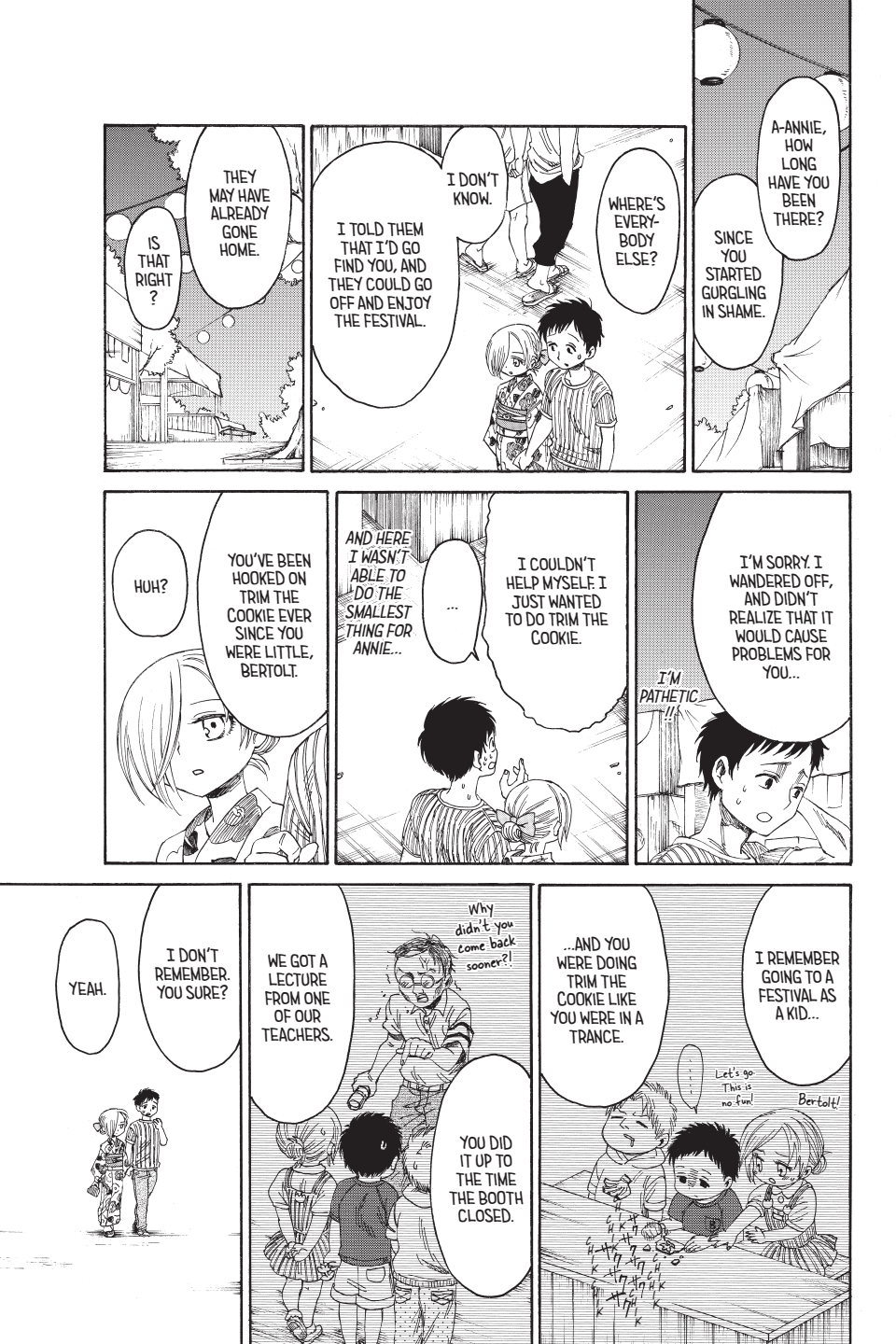
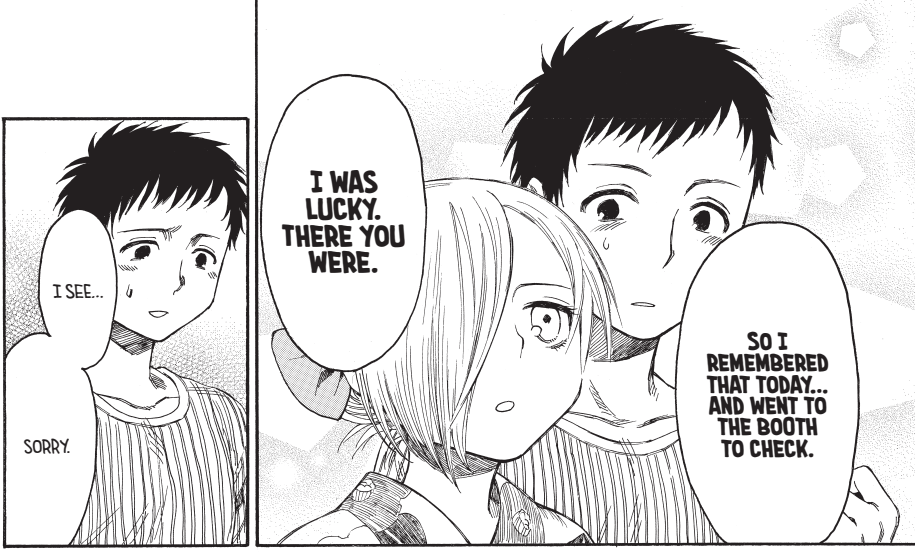
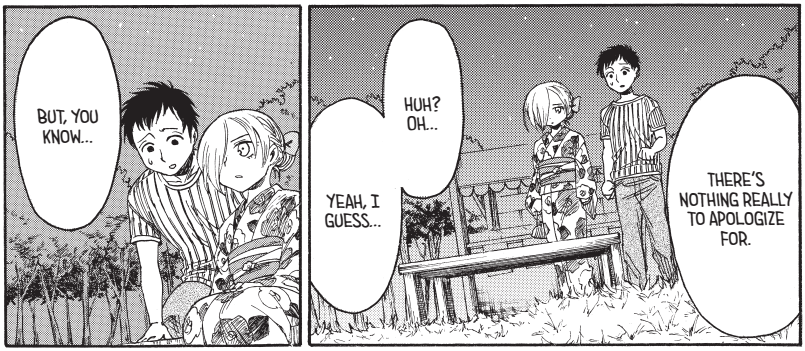
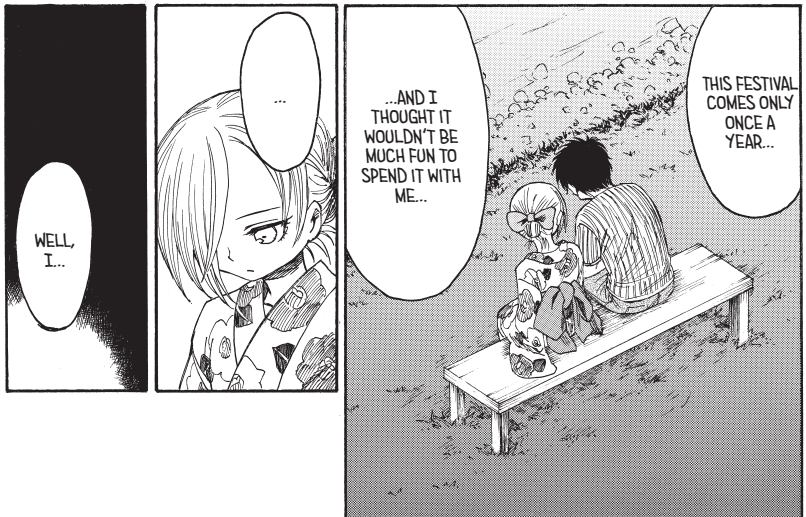
E COOKIE
IT'S 100 YEN PER PLAY.
OH, I'M JUST HERE TO WATCH.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS KID?
HE'S BEEN CRYING AND CUTTING OUT SHAPES FOREVER...
HM...


I'M DONE ...
SNIFF
IT'S ALL FINISHED ...
HE COO
I...
YOU GOT TEARS AND SNOT ALL OVER THE REST OF MY STUFF, SO I GUESS I'LL CLOSE UP. GO AHEAD AND TAKE TWO PRIZES.
NO, I COULDN'T...
ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR...
H-HEY, NICE JOB. THAT'S THE HARDEST ONE TO CUT OUT!
YOU MIGHT EVEN BE READY TO USE BIG BOY SCISSORS INSTEAD.
...
SNIFF
...
I'M NOT HIS GIRL-FRIEND.
...YOUR GIRLFRIEND THERE.


A-ANNIE, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
SINCE YOU STARTED GURGLING IN SHAME.
WHERE'S EVERY-BODY ELSE?
I DON'T KNOW.
I TOLD THEM THAT I'D GO FIND YOU, AND THEY COULD GO OFF AND ENJOY THE FESTIVAL.
THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY GONE HOME.
IS THAT RIGHT?
I'M SORRY. I WANDERED OFF, AND DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR YOU...
I'M PATHETIC!!!
I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF. I JUST WANTED TO DO TRIM THE COOKIE.
...
AND HERE I WASN'T ABLE TO DO THE SMALLEST THING FOR ANNIE...
HUH?
YOU'VE BEEN HOOKED ON TRIM THE COOKIE EVER SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE, BERTOLT.
I REMEMBER GOING TO A FESTIVAL AS A KID...
Bertolt!
Let's go
This is no fun!
...AND YOU WERE DOING TRIM THE COOKIE LIKE YOU WERE IN A TRANCE.
YOU DID IT UP TO THE TIME THE BOOTH CLOSED.
Why didn't you come back sooner?!
WE GOT A LECTURE FROM ONE OF OUR TEACHERS.
I DON'T REMEMBER. YOU SURE?
YEAH.


SO I REMEMBERED THAT TODAY... AND WENT TO THE BOOTH TO CHECK.
I WAS LUCKY. THERE YOU WERE.
I SEE...
SORRY.


THERE'S NOTHING REALLY TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
HUH? OH...
YEAH, I GUESS...
BUT, YOU KNOW...

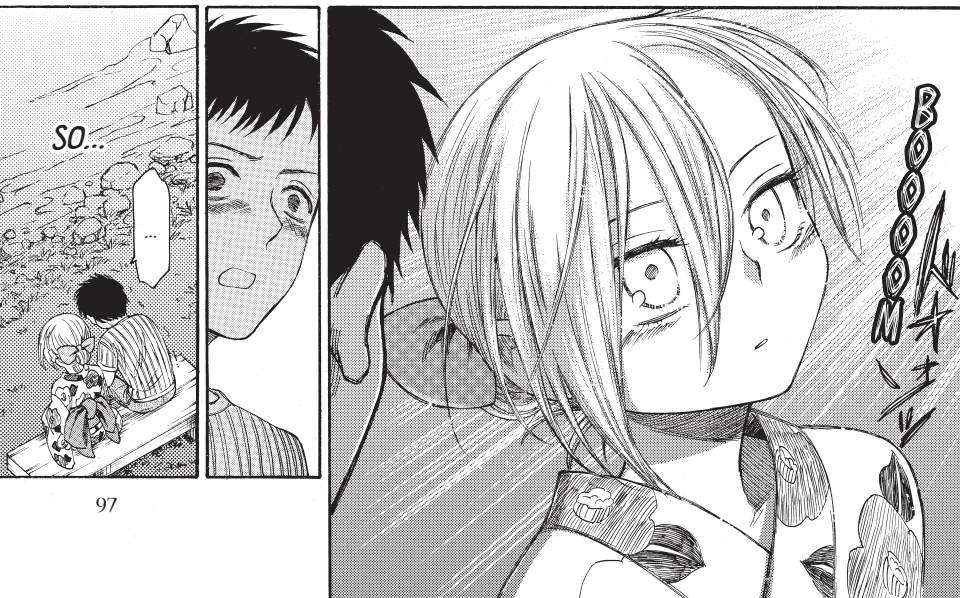

THIS FESTIVAL COMES ONLY ONCE A YEAR...
...AND I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH FUN TO SPEND IT WITH ME...
...
WELL, I...

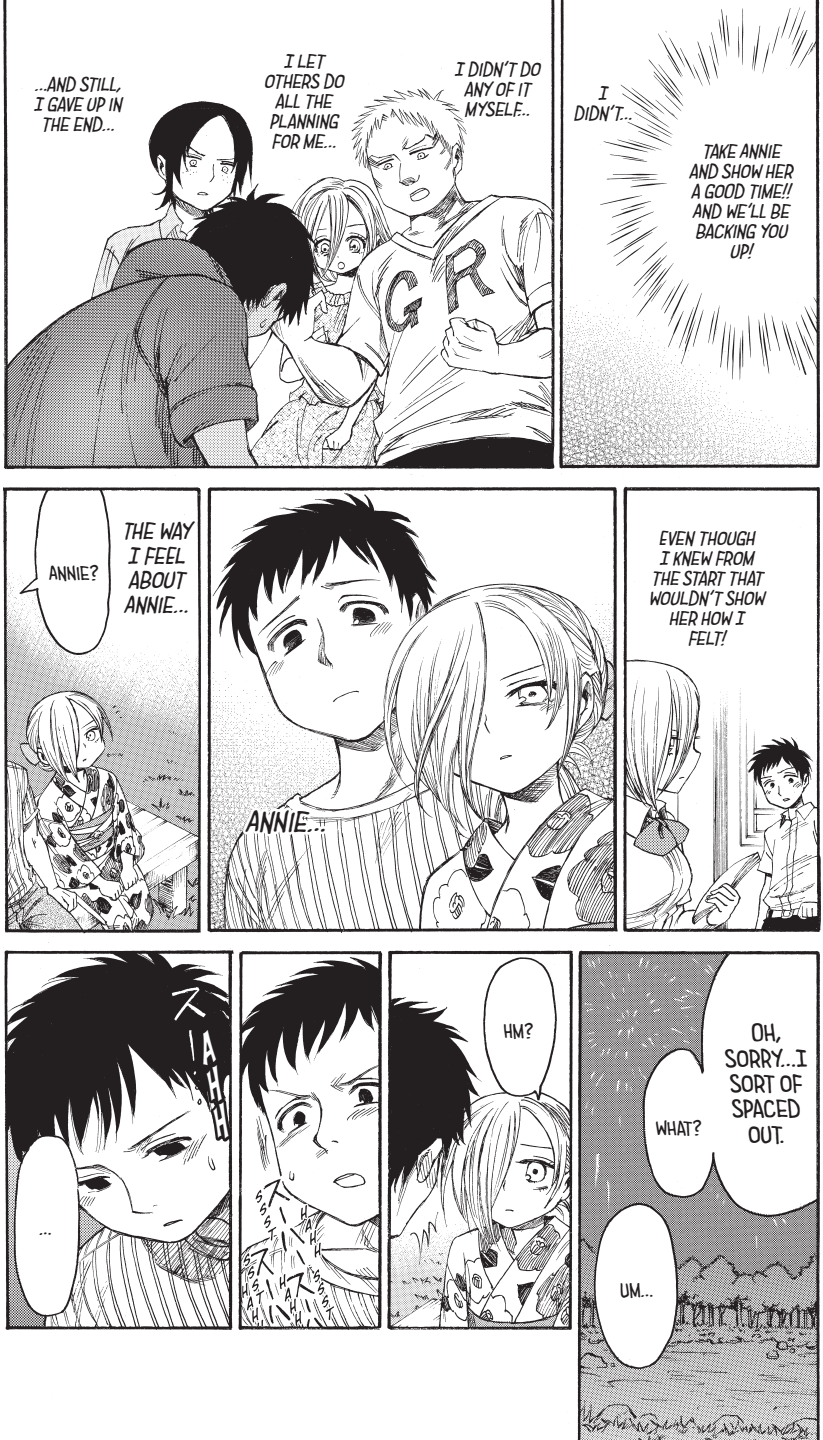
...DON'T REALLY LIKE FESTIVALS.
!!
THERE'RE TOO MANY PEOPLE, THE PRICES ARE TOO HIGH, AND THEY'RE FULL OF NOISY DOLTS...
...SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO APOLOGIZE, THEN DO IT FOR INVITING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THEN WHY'D YOU INVITE ME THIS TIME?
SORRY! I'M REALLY SORRY!
I'LL NEVER INVITE YOU AGAIN!
OH YEAH?
WH-WH-WH-WHY WOULD YOU PUT MORE PRESSURE ON ME BY ASKING ME THAT...?
NO BIG REASON. JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.
W-WELL, IT'S BECAUSE I WANTED TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL WITH YOU...
...YOU KNOW, LIKE ON A D-D-DA-DA-... I-I MEAN, AS FRIENDS...
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
ANY-WAY...
...WHY DID YOU INVITE EREN...?

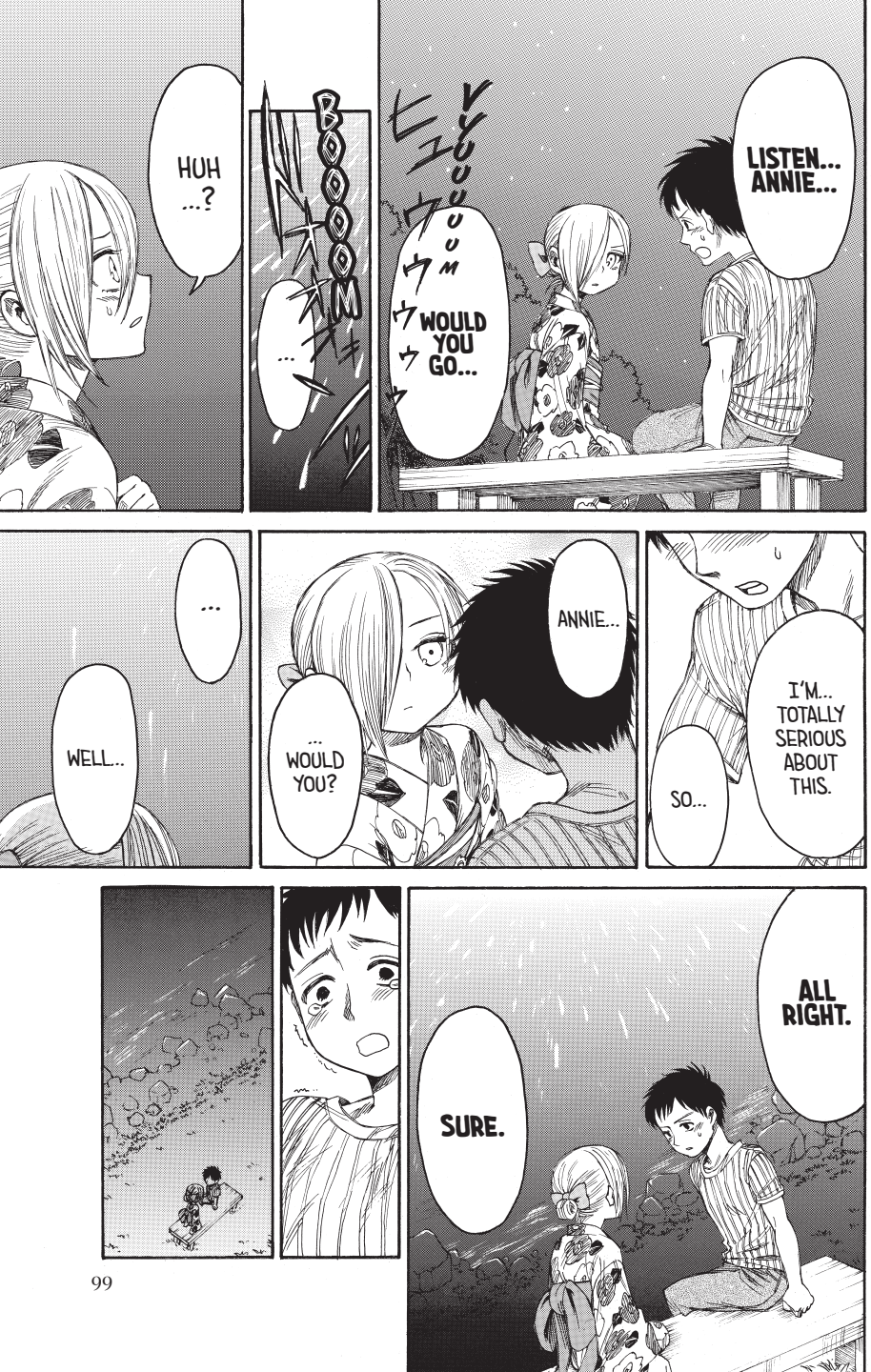
BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME TO INVITE SOMEONE FROM CLASS 4.
AND I FIGURED THAT IF I INVITED HIM, HE'D BE SURE TO COME.
I SEE...
I WISH THAT WERE THE REAL REASON.
I DON'T THINK SHE'D BE HERE IF EREN HADN'T COME ALONG.
BUT...
...IF IT WEREN'T YOU INVITING ME...
...I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GONE HOME HALFWAY THROUGH.
HUH?
I'M NOT SAYING THAT I'D WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALL THE TIME, BUT...
AROUND YOU, I DON'T FEEL I HAVE TO MAKE CONVERSATION, AND I DON'T HAVE TO TRY SO HARD.
SO BEING WITH YOU IS COMFORTABLE... IN OTHER WORDS...
YOU'RE CONVENIENT, MAYBE?
...
A-ANNIE, WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! THAT WE'LL BE JUST FRIENDS?!
NO, NOT FRIENDS. THAT'S NOT THE WORD. IT'S MORE LIKE YOU'RE... PART OF THE ATMOSPHERE?
THAT'S EVEN WORSE!!

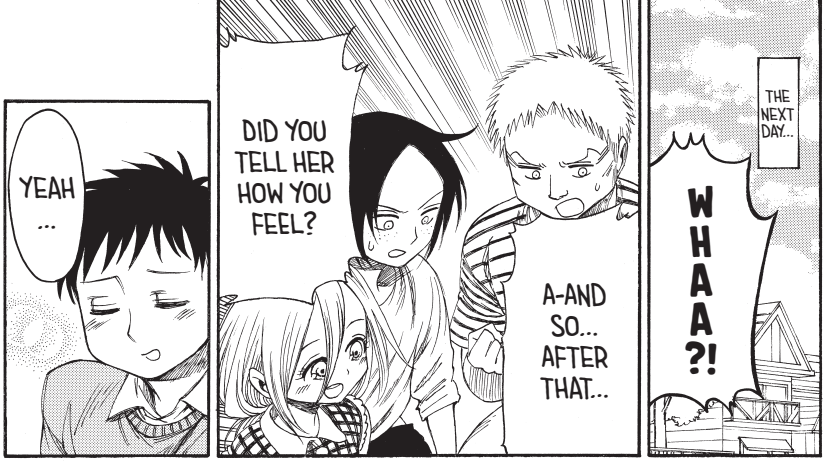
FYUUUM
AH...
IT'S OKAY...
HA!
HEH? HEH?
SORRY. SORRY...

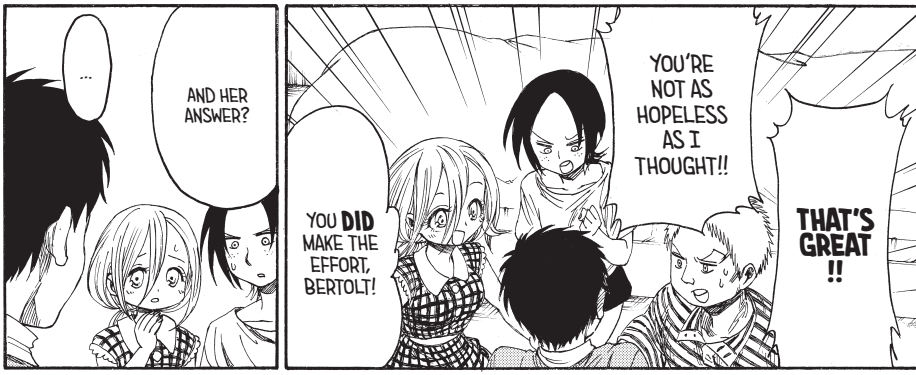
VYUUUM
SAY, AN--
PRETTY...
BOOOOM
BOOOOM


SO...
...
BOOOOM


...AND STILL, I GAVE UP IN THE END...
I LET OTHERS DO ALL THE PLANNING FOR ME...
I DIDN'T DO ANY OF IT MYSELF...
I DIDN'T...
TAKE ANNIE AND SHOW HER A GOOD TIME!! AND WE'LL BE BACKING YOU UP!
ANNIE?
THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT ANNIE...
ANNIE...
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW FROM THE START THAT WOULDN'T SHOW HER HOW I FELT!
...
AHH
HM?
WHAT?
OH, SORRY...I SORT OF SPACED OUT.
UM...

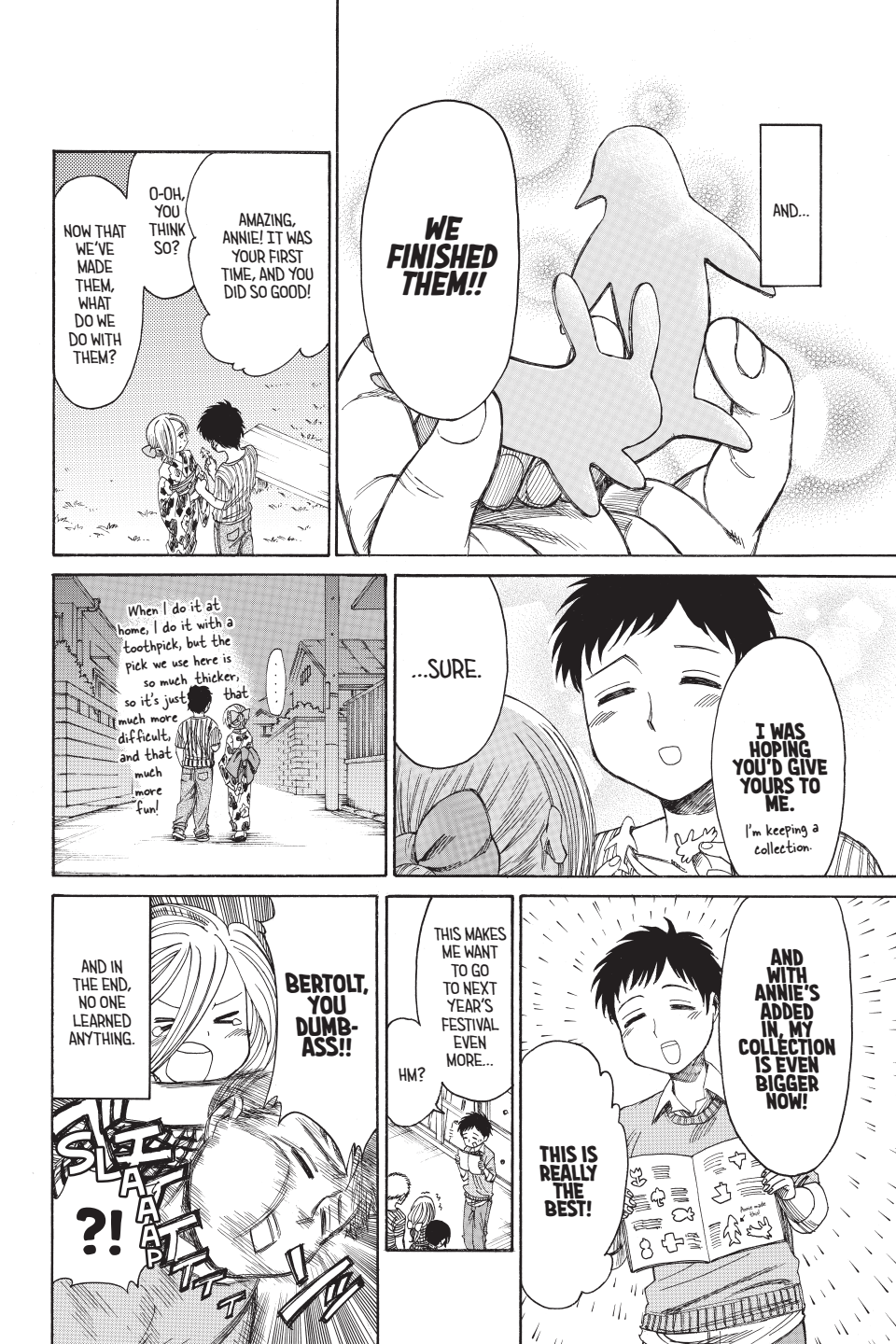

LISTEN... ANNIE...
ヒュウウウウウウ
WOULD YOU GO...
BOOOOM
HUH ...?
...
I'M... TOTALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
SO...
ANNIE...
... WOULD YOU?
...
WELL..
ALL RIGHT.
SURE.


THE NEXT DAY...
WHAA?!
A-AND SO... AFTER THAT...
DID YOU TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL?
YEAH ...

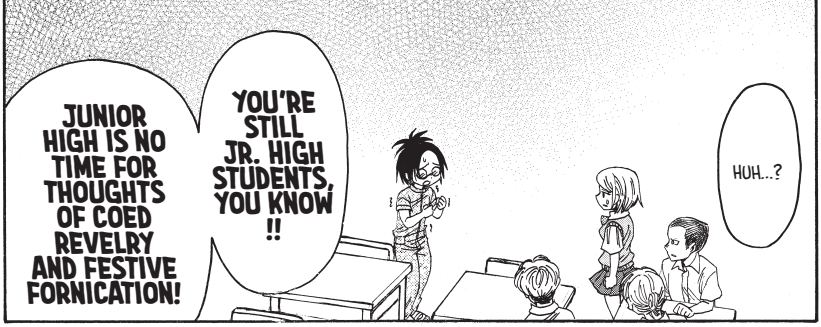

THAT'S GREAT !!
YOU'RE NOT AS HOPELESS AS I THOUGHT!!
YOU DID MAKE THE EFFORT, BERTOLT!
AND HER ANSWER?
...

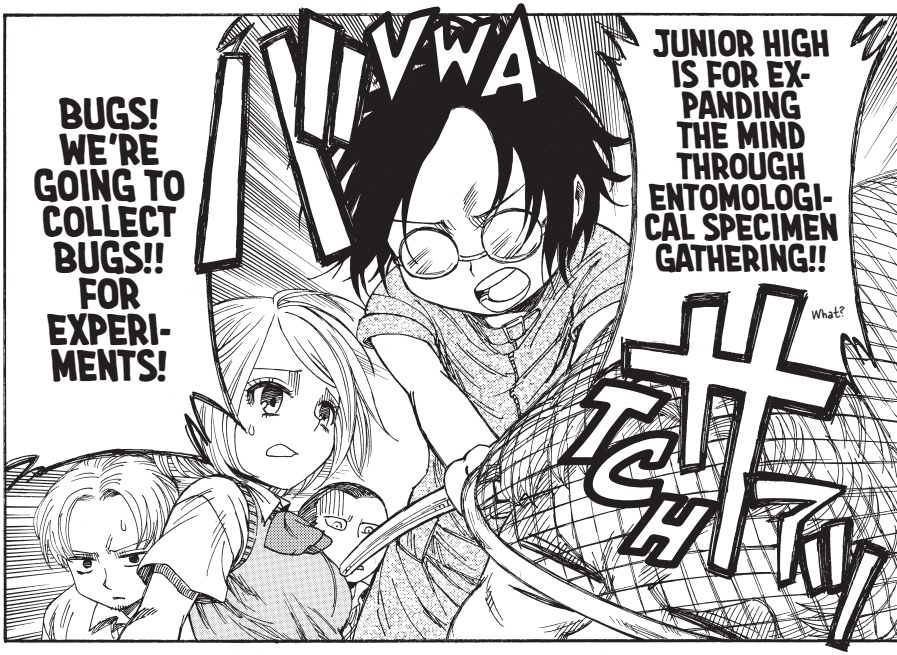
SHE SAID...
..."OKAY."
YOU'RE KIDDING!!
HEY, BERTOLT, WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU SAY TO GET HER TO AGREE?
YOU REALLY DID IT THE RIGHT WAY IN THE END...
AWW! I HAVE TO SAY IT?
GULP
"WOULD YOU..."

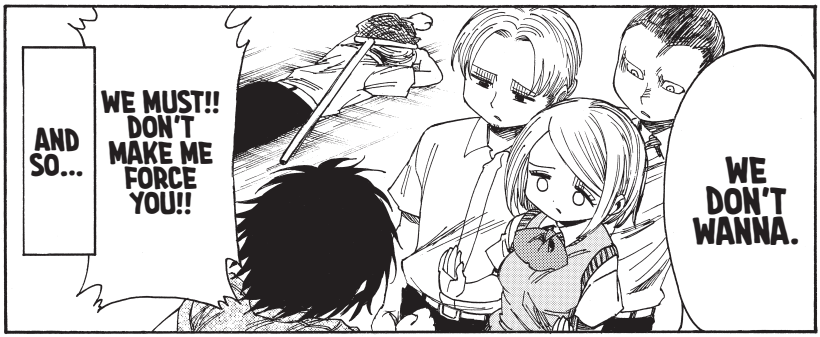
"...TO THE TRIM THE COOKIE BOOTH AGAIN," IS WHAT I SAID.
"WOULD YOU GO WITH ME..."
UM...
THAT ISN'T TELLING HER YOU LIKE HER.
I NEVER FOR A SECOND THOUGHT THAT SHE'D AGREE!
HERE YOU GO, ANNIE! A PENGUIN!
Sigh...
...O-KAY ...?
Two of them
THEN COULD WE HAVE JUST THE COOKIES?
BUT THE GUY AT THE BOOTH WAS CLOSING UP SHOP, SO...
PITCH
CRACK
パキ
...
...
THEN WE WENT BACK TO THE BENCH WE SAT AT BEFORE.


AND...
WE FINISHED THEM!!
AMAZING, ANNIE! IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME, AND YOU DID SO GOOD!
O-OH, YOU THINK SO?
NOW THAT WE'VE MADE THEM, WHAT DO WE DO WITH THEM?
I WAS HOPING YOU'D GIVE YOURS TO ME.
I'm keeping a collection.
...SURE.
When I do it at home, I do it with a toothpick, but the pick we use here is so much thicker, so it's just that much more difficult, and that much more fun!
THIS IS REALLY THE BEST!
AND WITH ANNIE'S ADDED IN, MY COLLECTION IS EVEN BIGGER NOW!
HM?
THIS MAKES ME WANT TO GO TO NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL EVEN MORE...
BERTOLT, YOU DUMB-ASS!!
AND IN THE END, NO ONE LEARNED ANYTHING.
SLAAAAAAP
?!

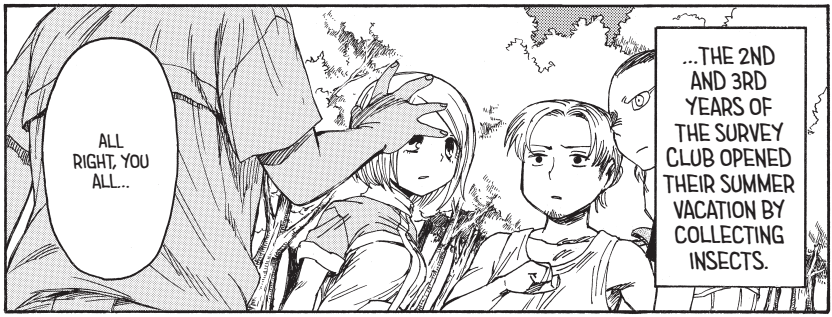
TITAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
JUST BEFORE SUMMER VACATION...
2nd Year Class 1
ガラ SHUMP
OH? PETRA, WHAT?
ELD, GUNTHER...
DID YOU SEE THE POSTER ABOUT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL?
OH, THAT?
WE ALL WENT IN A GROUP LAST YEAR, HUH?
I REMEMBER HOW OLUO WENT BROKE ON THE LOTTERY IN ONE GO.
I DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO DRAG THAT INTO THIS CONVERSATION!
ガラ SHUMP
WELL, I WAS HOPING WE COULD ALL GO AGAIN THIS YEAR, TOO...
YOU GUYS...
H-HANGE?
YES, WE WERE.
WERE YOU JUST TALKING ABOUT THE FESTIVAL?
How were you able to hear us...?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH US, TOO...?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

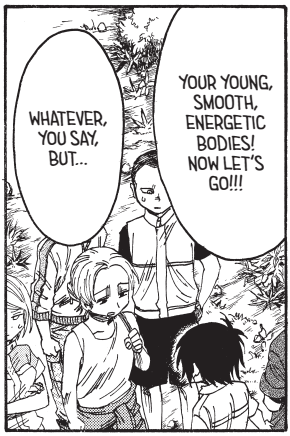


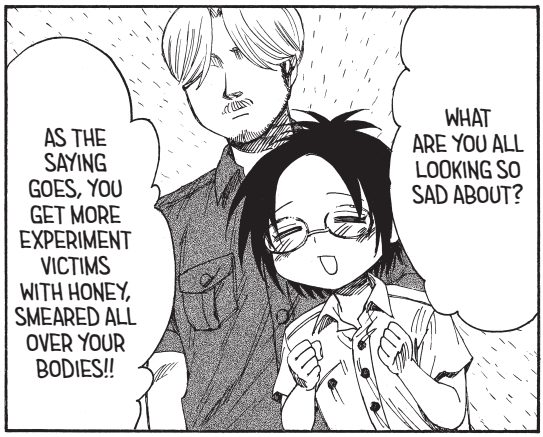




TWENTY-FIRST PERIOD: CAPTURE THAT BUG! BURN WITH YOUTH!

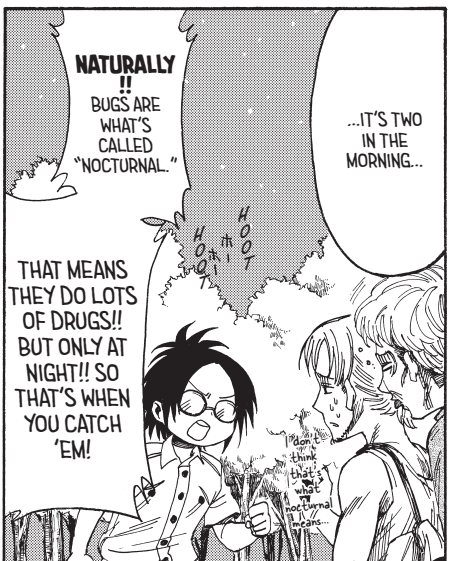

ALL RIGHT, YOU ALL...
...THE 2ND AND 3RD YEARS OF THE SURVEY CLUB OPENED THEIR SUMMER VACATION BY COLLECTING INSECTS.

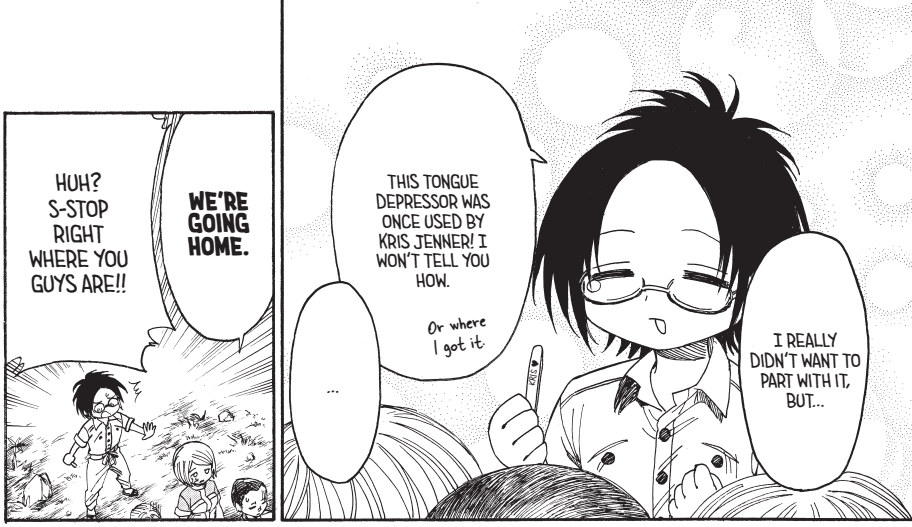

WHATEVER, YOU SAY, BUT...
YOUR YOUNG, SMOOTH, ENERGETIC BODIES! NOW LET'S GO!!!

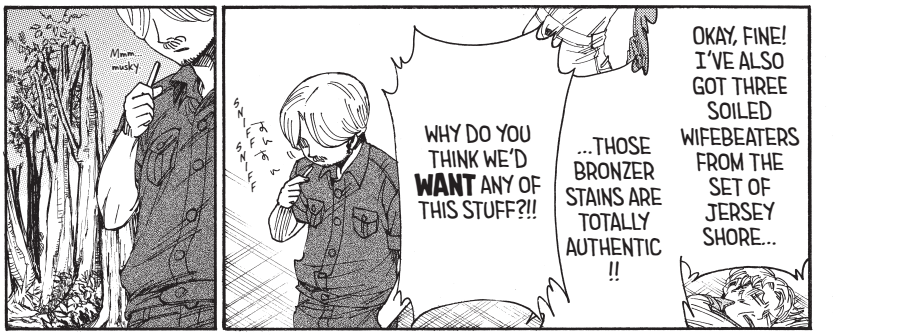

AS THE SAYING GOES, YOU GET MORE EXPERIMENT VICTIMS WITH HONEY, SMEARED ALL OVER YOUR BODIES!!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL LOOKING SO SAD ABOUT?

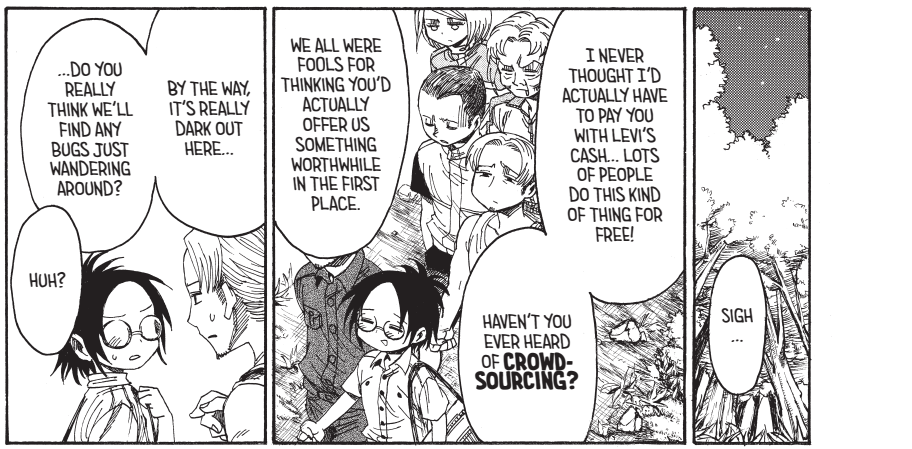
WHATEVER. YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE US A REWARD FOR HELPING OUT?
YEP! YOU'LL GET ONE!
I wanna go home !!

AND YOU'VE GOTTA TRY TWICE AS HARD, BECAUSE LEVI'S NOT HERE! HE'S AT HOME SLEEPING!
ISN'T THAT THE NATURAL THING?

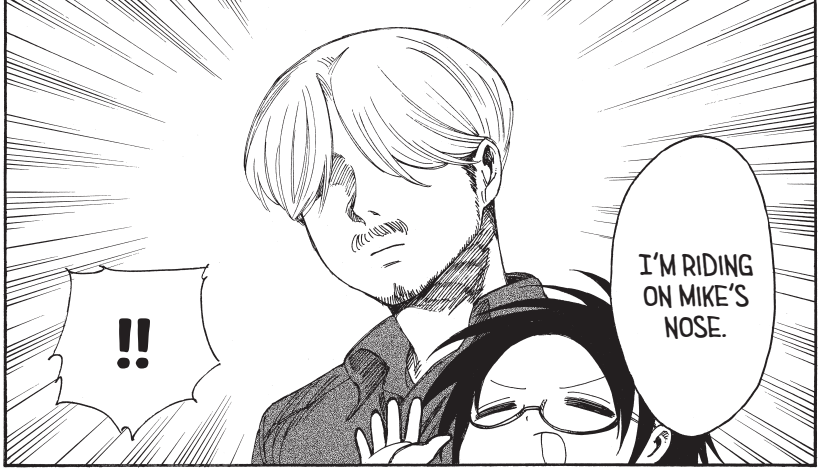

NATURALLY !!
BUGS ARE WHAT'S CALLED "NOCTURNAL."
...IT'S TWO IN THE MORNING...
HOOT HOOT HOOT
THAT MEANS THEY DO LOTS OF DRUGS!! BUT ONLY AT NIGHT!! SO THAT'S WHEN YOU CATCH 'EM!
I don't think that's what "nocturnal" means...


I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO PART WITH IT, BUT...
...
THIS TONGUE DEPRESSOR WAS ONCE USED BY KRIS JENNER! I WON'T TELL YOU HOW.
Or where I got it.
WE'RE GOING HOME.
HUH? S-STOP RIGHT WHERE YOU GUYS ARE!!


OKAY, FINE! I'VE ALSO GOT THREE SOILED WIFEBEATERS FROM THE SET OF JERSEY SHORE...
...THOSE BRONZER STAINS ARE TOTALLY AUTHENTIC !!
WHY DO YOU THINK WE'D WANT ANY OF THIS STUFF?!!
SNIFF SNIFF
Mmm musky


SIGH ...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY HAVE TO PAY YOU WITH LEVI'S CASH... LOTS OF PEOPLE DO THIS KIND OF THING FOR FREE!
WE ALL WERE FOOLS FOR THINKING YOU'D ACTUALLY OFFER US SOMETHING WORTHWHILE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF CROWD-SOURCING?
BY THE WAY, IT'S REALLY DARK OUT HERE...
...DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'LL FIND ANY BUGS JUST WANDERING AROUND?
HUH?

OHH!!
HERE.
HANGE...
I WOULDN'T CALL "WHATEVER'S LEFT OVER AFTER I BUY THE SALLY SADIST INSECT VIVISECTION KIT" A FAIR SALARY...
I GO OUT OF MY WAY TO PAY YOU TAKERS, AND THIS IS YOUR ATTITUDE?!
YOU GUYS REALLY THINK THIS IS DARK?
!!
I FOUND A GREAT SCARAB BEETLE!
ALL RIGHT !!
MR. MIKE?
SCRATCH SCRATCH
HOW COULD YOU DO THAT IN SUCH A SHORT TIME?
HEH HEH... YOU SAW EXACTLY WHAT I DID...
Huh ?
I NEVER THOUGHT WE COULD GET SUCH A TOP-QUALITY BUG FIRST THING!
THAT'S SO COOL!
WHAA?! THE NOKOGIRI KUWAGATA, OR PROSOPOCOILUS INCLINATUS, IS THE SCARAB BEETLE MORE COMMONLY CALLED THE "WATER COW", MARKED BY ITS LONG, FAT MANDIBLES AND HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS THAT HAS FASCINATED MANKIND AND MADE IT A BUG-COLLECTING CHILD'S DREAM! YOU MEAN THAT ONE?
WHOOAAA!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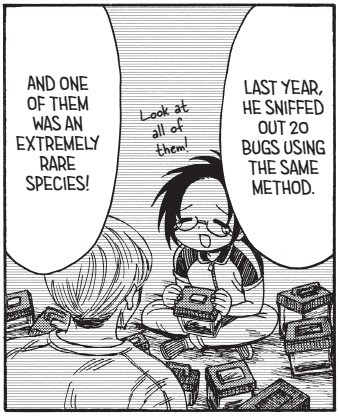
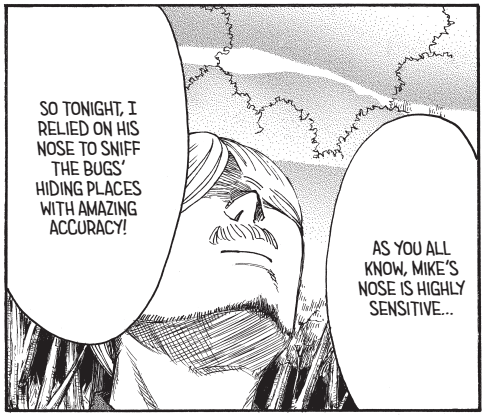
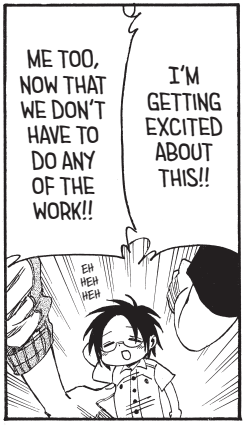
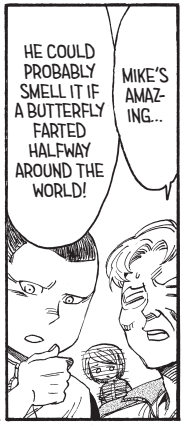
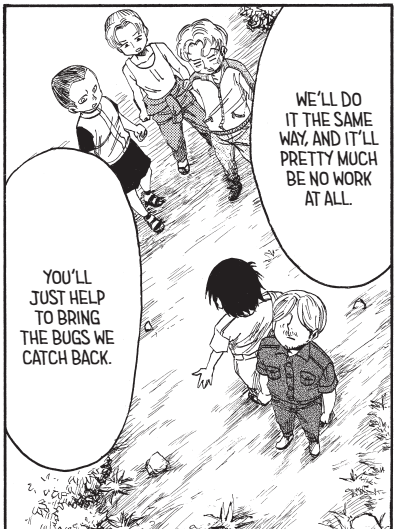
I'M RIDING ON MIKE'S NOSE.


AND ONE OF THEM WAS AN EXTREMELY RARE SPECIES!
Look at all of them!
LAST YEAR, HE SNIFFED OUT 20 BUGS USING THE SAME METHOD.


SO TONIGHT, I RELIED ON HIS NOSE TO SNIFF THE BUGS' HIDING PLACES WITH AMAZING ACCURACY!
AS YOU ALL KNOW, MIKE'S NOSE IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE...

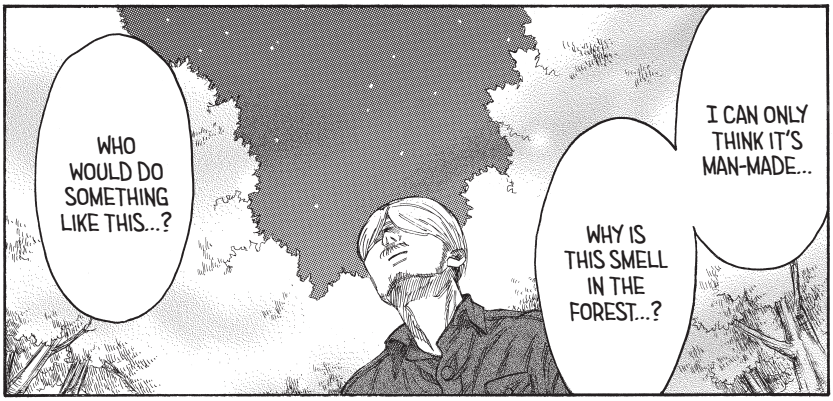

ME TOO, NOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY OF THE WORK!!
I'M GETTING EXCITED ABOUT THIS!!
EH HEH HEH

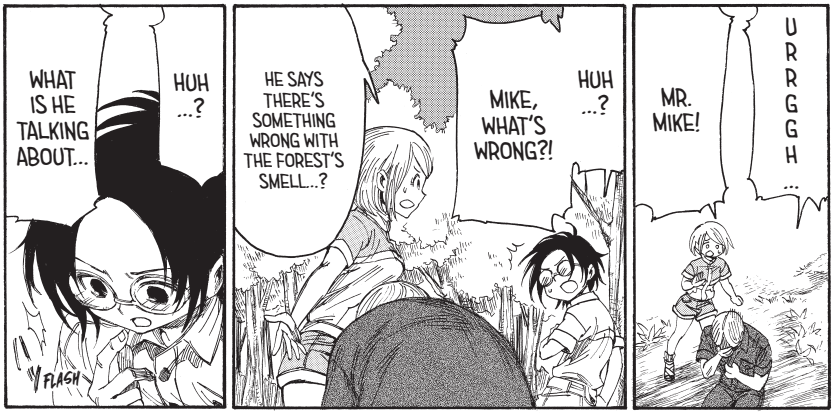

HE COULD PROBABLY SMELL IT IF A BUTTERFLY FARTED HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD!
MIKE'S AMAZ-ING...

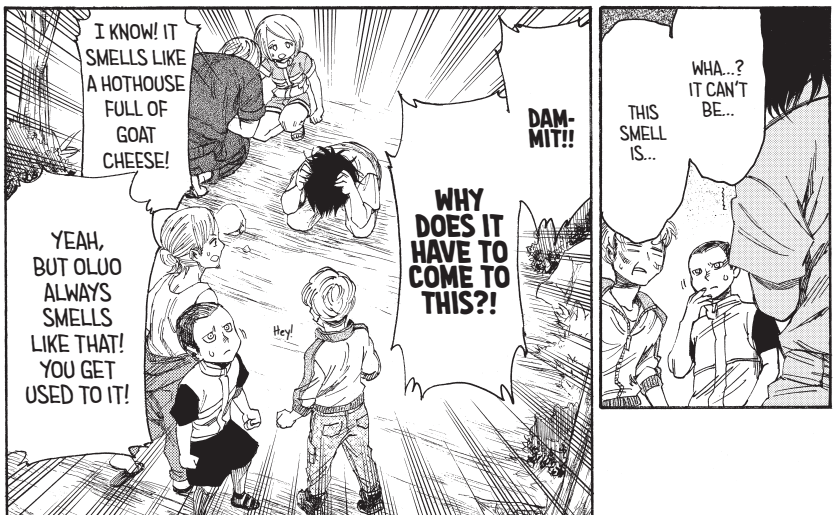

WE'LL DO IT THE SAME WAY, AND IT'LL PRETTY MUCH BE NO WORK AT ALL.
YOU'LL JUST HELP TO BRING THE BUGS WE CATCH BACK.

YOU'RE THE BEST, MR. MIKE!!
WAIT! WHAT'S WITH THAT, YOU GUYS?!
I'M THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THE WHOLE PLAN!
YEAH, WHAT ABOUT IT?
HANGE, YOU DO NOTHING. YOU JUST DEPEND ON MIKE!
OH, COME ON!! KEEP THIS UP, AND YOU WON'T GET ANY OF LEVI'S MONEY!!
HUH?
THEN WE'LL JUST SELL ALL THE BUGS WE CATCH TO THOSE WEIRD FOOD SHOWS ON THE COOKING CHANNEL!
...
WHAT IS IT, MIKE?
Do you poach beetles or fry them?
...
NOTHING, JUST...
...I GOT...
...THE FEELING I SMELLED SOMETHING IN THE FOREST THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE...

AMAZING! IT'S TWICE WHAT WE CAUGHT LAST YEAR!
WE MANAGED TO CATCH A LOT, HUH?
AND I HAVE YOU ALL TO THANK FOR IT! IN THANKS...
ONE HOUR LATER ...
LEAPIN' LOCUSTS OF LAMBERTVILLE!
DON'T YOU TOUCH THAT!!
THEN I'LL HAVE THE SCARAB...
SHINNG
OH, BOY! THANKS!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
YOU ALL EACH SAVE ONE FROM THE HORRIBLE FATE THAT AWAITS ITS BRETHREN!
UH, I'M OKAY.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A PET!!
CRUNCH
YOU DON'T SMELL IT?
HUH?
THIS SMELL... IT'S EXTREMELY STRANGE.
YEAH...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MR. MIKE?
DO YOU SMELL SOMETHING?

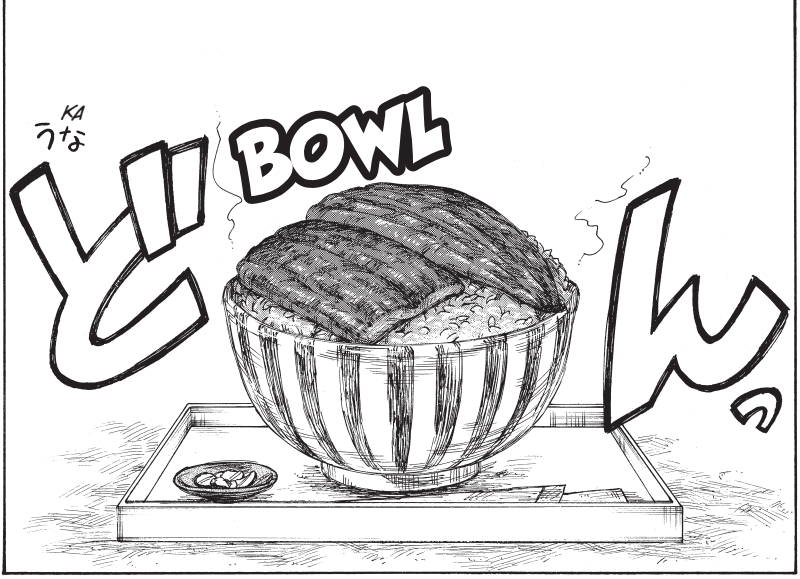

WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
WHY IS THIS SMELL IN THE FOREST...?
I CAN ONLY THINK IT'S MAN-MADE...


WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT...
HUH ...?
FLASH
HE SAYS THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE FOREST'S SMELL...?
MIKE, WHAT'S WRONG?!
HUH ...?
MR. MIKE!
URRGGH ...


I KNOW! IT SMELLS LIKE A HOTHOUSE FULL OF GOAT CHEESE!
YEAH, BUT OLUO ALWAYS SMELLS LIKE THAT! YOU GET USED TO IT!
Hey!
DAM-MIT!!
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO COME TO THIS?!
THIS SMELL IS...
WHA...? IT CAN'T BE...

NO... THIS SMELL IS...
...THE SMELL OF... GRILLED EEL...
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
...OH...
...
HUH?
SNIFF
SNIFF
EVERY-THING !!
BUT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT...?
I HATE YOU BASTARDS SO MUCH.
YES, THIS IS THE SCENT OF EEL.
I GUESS OLUO'S STENCH IS SLIGHTLY LESS REPULSIVE THAN USUAL...

THERE'S A MAGNETIC FIELD THAT DRIVES COMPASSES CRAZY IN THIS FOREST!
THE ONLY WAY HOME IS MIKE'S NOSE! AND THE SMELL OF FOOD IS ITS ONE WEAKNESS!
WHAA?!
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE COULD FOLLOW THE AROMA OF ROTTING BADGER CARCASSES BACK TO OLUO'S HOUSE, BUT...
...WHEN MIKE GETS FOOD SMELLS UP HIS NOSE, HE JUST CAN'T FOCUS...
...
...THAT WE HAVE NO WAY OF GETTING HOME...?!
THAT MEANS...
...THEN ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STOP THEM FROM COOKING, OR...
THAT'S RIGHT... IF THERE ARE PEOPLE COOKING EEL...
AH!
LET'S GO.
THAT WAY.
THE EEL SMELL HAS GOTTEN STRONGER.
HUH?
IT'S CLOSE...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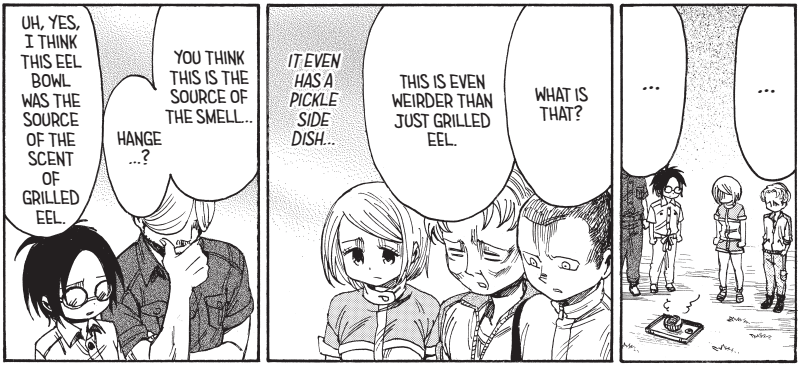
UH, YES, I THINK THIS EEL BOWL WAS THE SOURCE OF THE SCENT OF GRILLED EEL.
YOU THINK THIS IS THE SOURCE OF THE SMELL...
HANGE ...?
IT EVEN HAS A PICKLE SIDE DISH...
THIS IS EVEN WEIRDER THAN JUST GRILLED EEL.
WHAT IS THAT?
...
...

IT'S PROBABLY JUST FLAVORING, PAINTED CARDBOARD AND BEAR SNOT!
I'M SURE THAT EEL IS FROM CHINA, ANYWAY!
NO! THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A TRAP, OR... SOMETHING?
LISTEN, I CAN'T BE PICKY...

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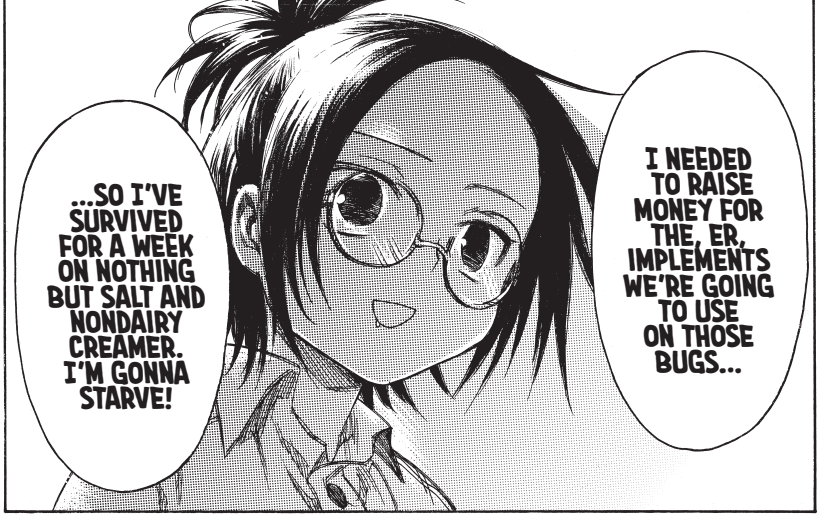
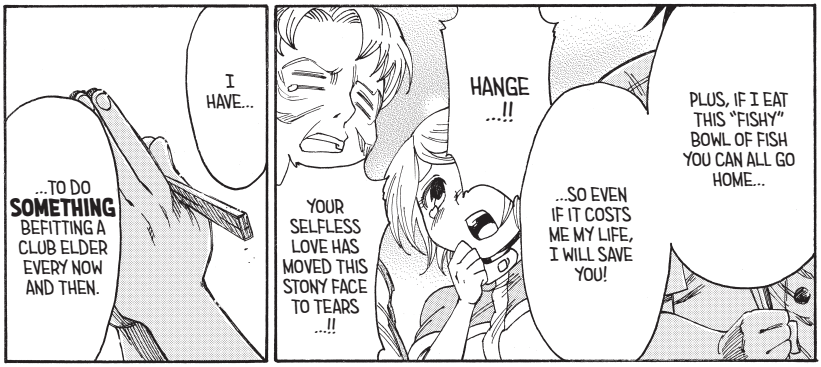
I'LL JUST HAVE TO EAT IT.





...AND WHO ALSO LEAVES JAPANESE FOOD IN THE WOODS FOR SOME REASON?
HM... PROBABLY NOT.
AN AGING ROGUE WHO, ABANDONED BY HIS SUPERFICIAL CHARMS AND ALL WHO ONCE LOVED HIM, HAS LEFT THE CITY BEHIND TO SLOWLY FADE FROM THIS WORLD, AS WE ALL MUST. HIS ONLY COMPANION THE GAUNT, SOLEMN SPECTER IN THE STARCHED GRAY SUIT KNOWN AS DEATH?
TASTES SOOO GOOD
IT'S SUSPICIOUS. WHO'D JUST LEAVE AN EEL RICE BOWL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST?
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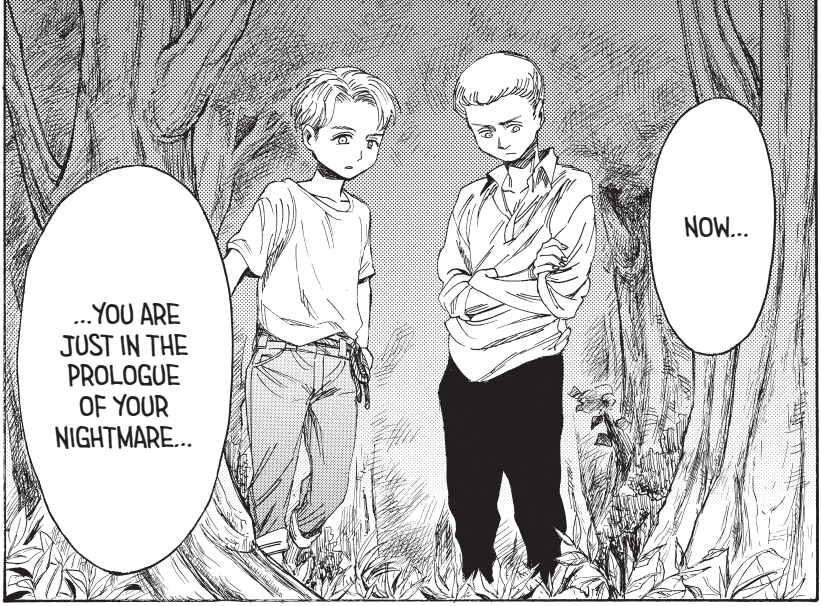
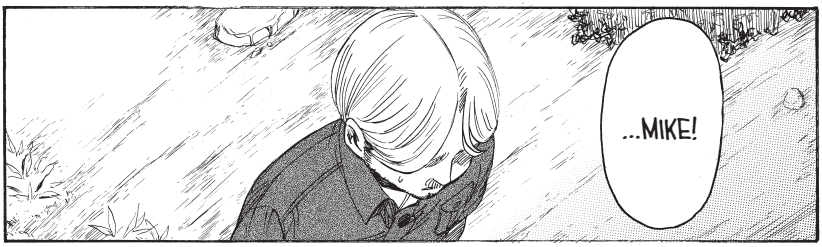
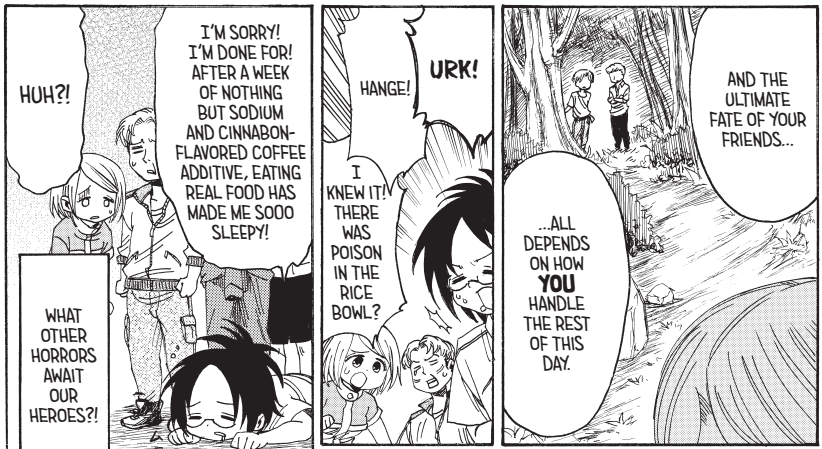
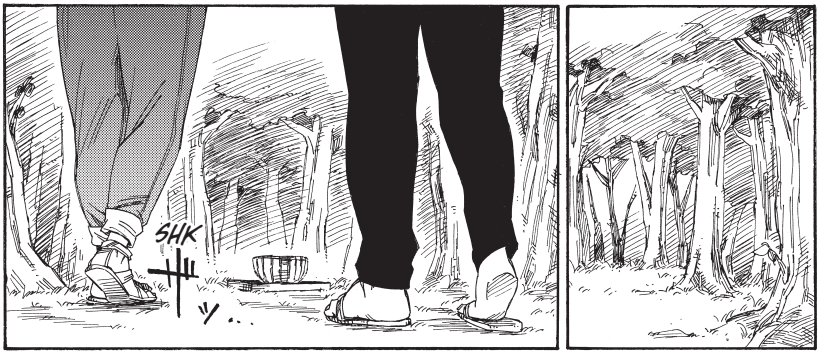
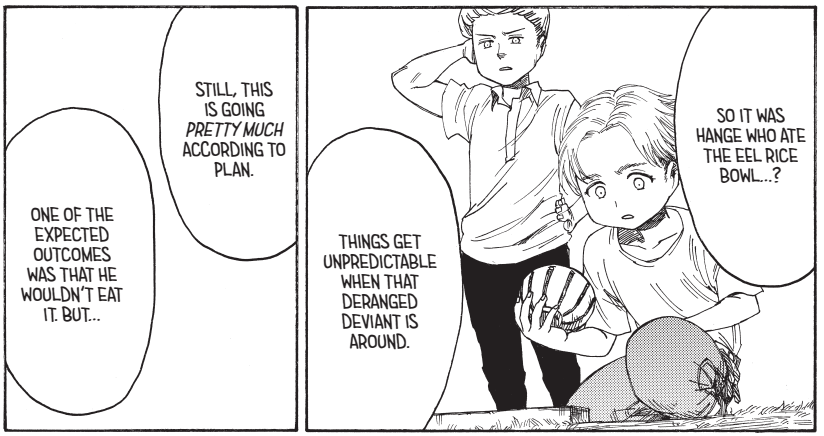
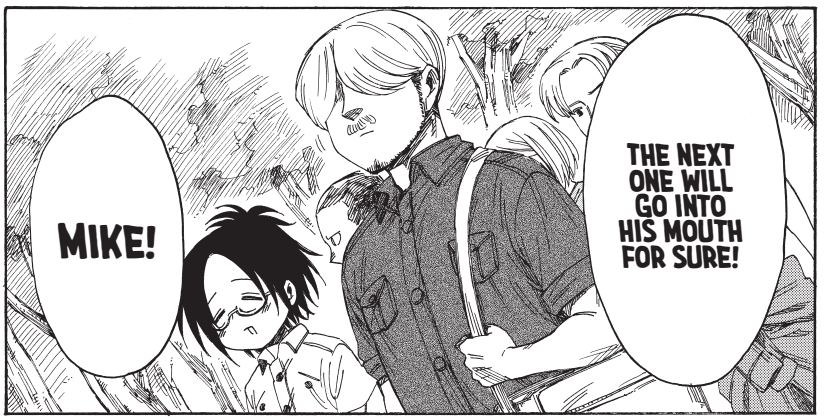

NOW...
...YOU ARE JUST IN THE PROLOGUE OF YOUR NIGHTMARE...

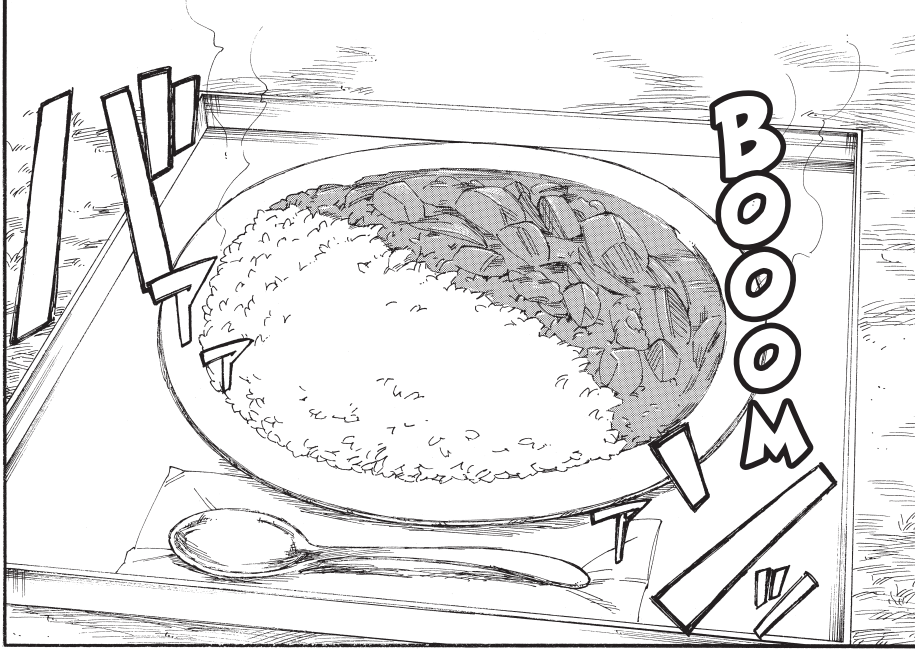

...MIKE!

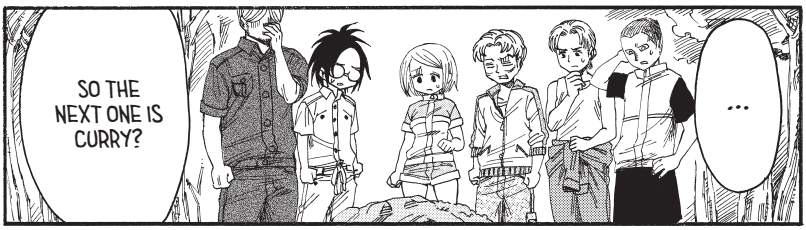

AND THE ULTIMATE FATE OF YOUR FRIENDS...
...ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU HANDLE THE REST OF THIS DAY.
URK!
HANGE!
I KNEW IT! THERE WAS POISON IN THE RICE BOWL?
HUH?!
I'M SORRY! I'M DONE FOR! AFTER A WEEK OF NOTHING BUT SODIUM AND CINNABON-FLAVORED COFFEE ADDITIVE, EATING REAL FOOD HAS MADE ME SOOO SLEEPY!
WHAT OTHER HORRORS AWAIT OUR HEROES?!


SHK


STILL, THIS IS GOING *PRETTY MUCH* ACCORDING TO PLAN.
ONE OF THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES WAS THAT HE WOULDN'T EAT IT. BUT...
SO IT WAS HANGE WHO ATE THE EEL RICE BOWL...?
THINGS GET UNPREDICTABLE WHEN THAT DERANGED DEVIANT IS AROUND.


MIKE!
THE NEXT ONE WILL GO INTO HIS MOUTH FOR SURE!


BOOOM!


SO THE NEXT ONE IS CURRY?
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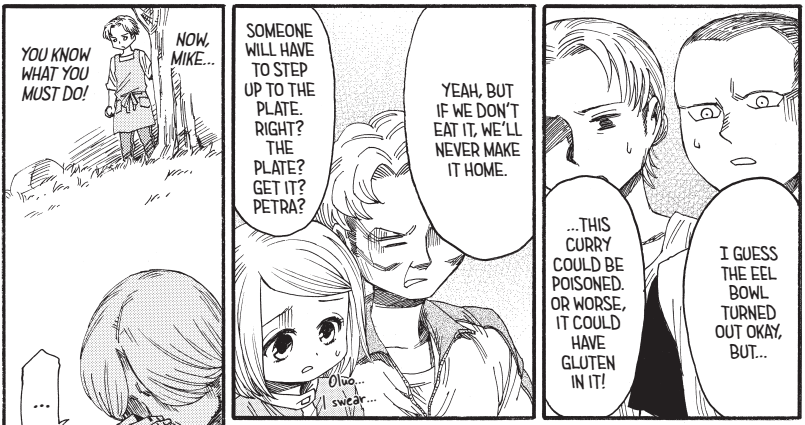
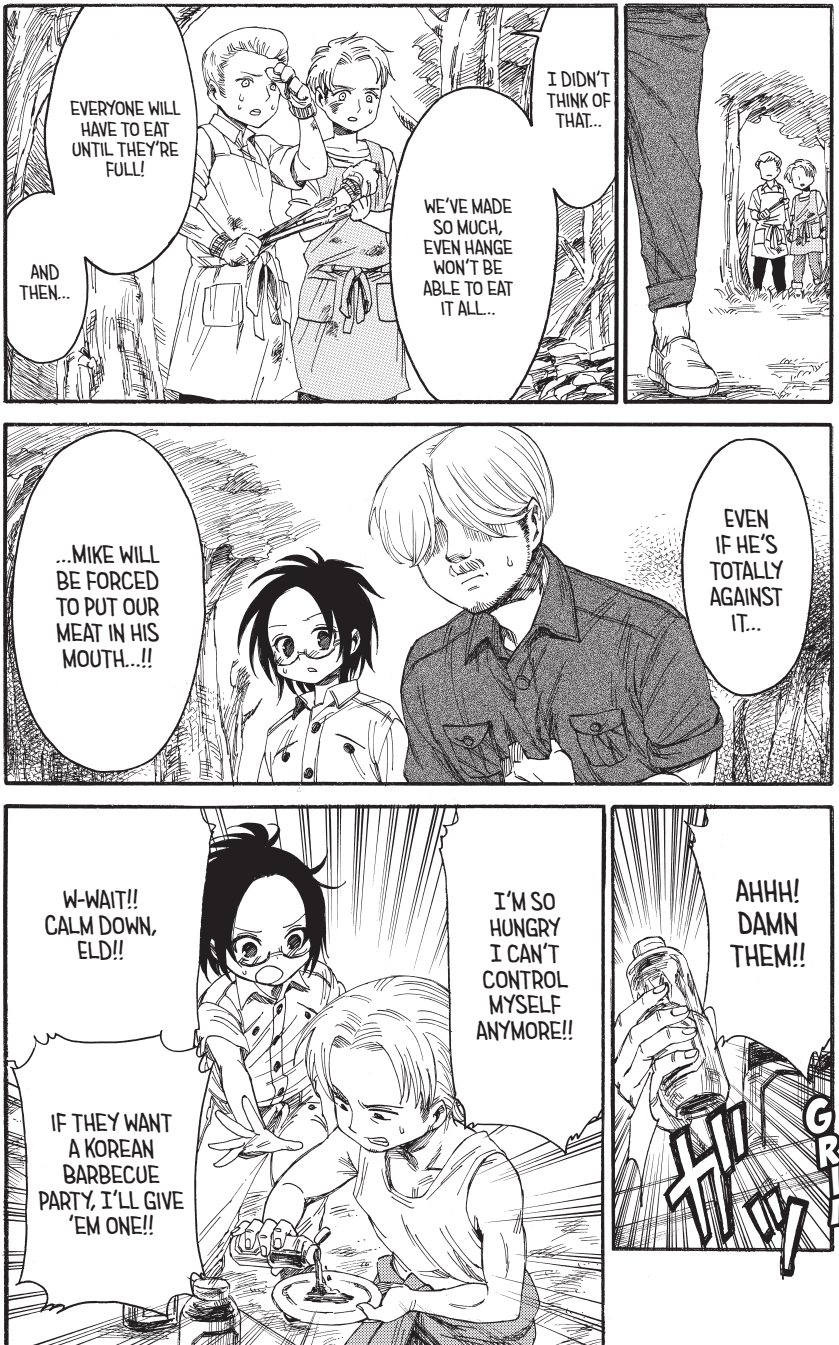

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU MUST DO!
NOW, MIKE...
...
SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE. RIGHT? THE PLATE? GET IT? PETRA?
Owo... I swear...
YEAH, BUT IF WE DON'T EAT IT, WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT HOME.
...THIS CURRY COULD BE POISONED. OR WORSE, IT COULD HAVE GLUTEN IN IT!
I GUESS THE EEL BOWL TURNED OUT OKAY, BUT...

AND HANGE IS ALREADY FULL TO BURSTING WITH GRILLED EEL! MWAHAHAHA!!
BURP
YOU'D NEVER DARE LET YOUR UNDERLINGS EAT SOME CURRY FROM GOD KNOWS WHERE, RIGHT...?!
YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS FOREST WITHOUT EATING THAT CURRY!
ZWIPP
I HAVE TO EAT THIS CURRY, TOO!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE ...
THE ONLY ONE LEFT TO EAT THE CURRY IS YOU, MIKE...
LISTEN, EVERY-ONE...
YEAH! MR. SMITH SAYS THE BODY IS A TEMPLE!!
And that includes the butthole!
TREAT YOUR GUT WITH SOME RESPECT!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE... SHE JUST ATE THAT ENTIRE EEL BOWL...!!
HUH ...?

DID YOU THINK I WAS ALREADY FULL?
*OR WOMAN, OR NEITHER, ETC.
MAN CANNOT LIVE ON BOWLS OF GRILLED EEL OVER RICE IN A SWEET SOY SAUCE WITH A SIDE OF PICKLED EGGPLANT ALONE!
PLUS, WHEN I GET HOME, I'M GOING TO BE ON A TWO-WEEK HUNGER STRIKE SO I CAN BUY MORE URANIUM!
SO I HAVE TO EAT NOW WHILE I HAVE THE CHANCE!
MS. HANGE, THAT'S NOT A HUNGER STRIKE...
AND IT SOUNDS ILLEGAL!
DON'T WORRY ...
...I'VE STILL GOT PLENTY OF ROOM LEFT IN MY STOMACH.
IT'S SOOOOO GOOOOD !!
HOW...? YOU MEAN HANGE STILL ISN'T FULL...?!
WILL MIKE EVER HAVE TO EAT SOMETHING ...?!

NO, NANABA. THIS IS NO TIME FOR PESSIMISM.
WE HAVE TO PUT HANGE OUT OF COMMISSION COMPLETELY.
SO WE GET A BIT MORE... EXTREME.
BRING OUT THE RACK, AND I CAN GUARANTEE HANGE WON'T BE EATING AGAIN ANYTIME SOON.
NO, NOT THE RACK...
YOU MEAN WE'RE ALREADY THAT DESPERATE ...?
KLENCH
WE ARE!
REMEMBER, NO PAIN, NO GAIN ...!!
WE GIVE UP A FEW POUNDS OF FLESH HERE...
...AND MIKE WILL BE EATING OUR COOKING IN NO TIME...!!
SHIZZZZZZ

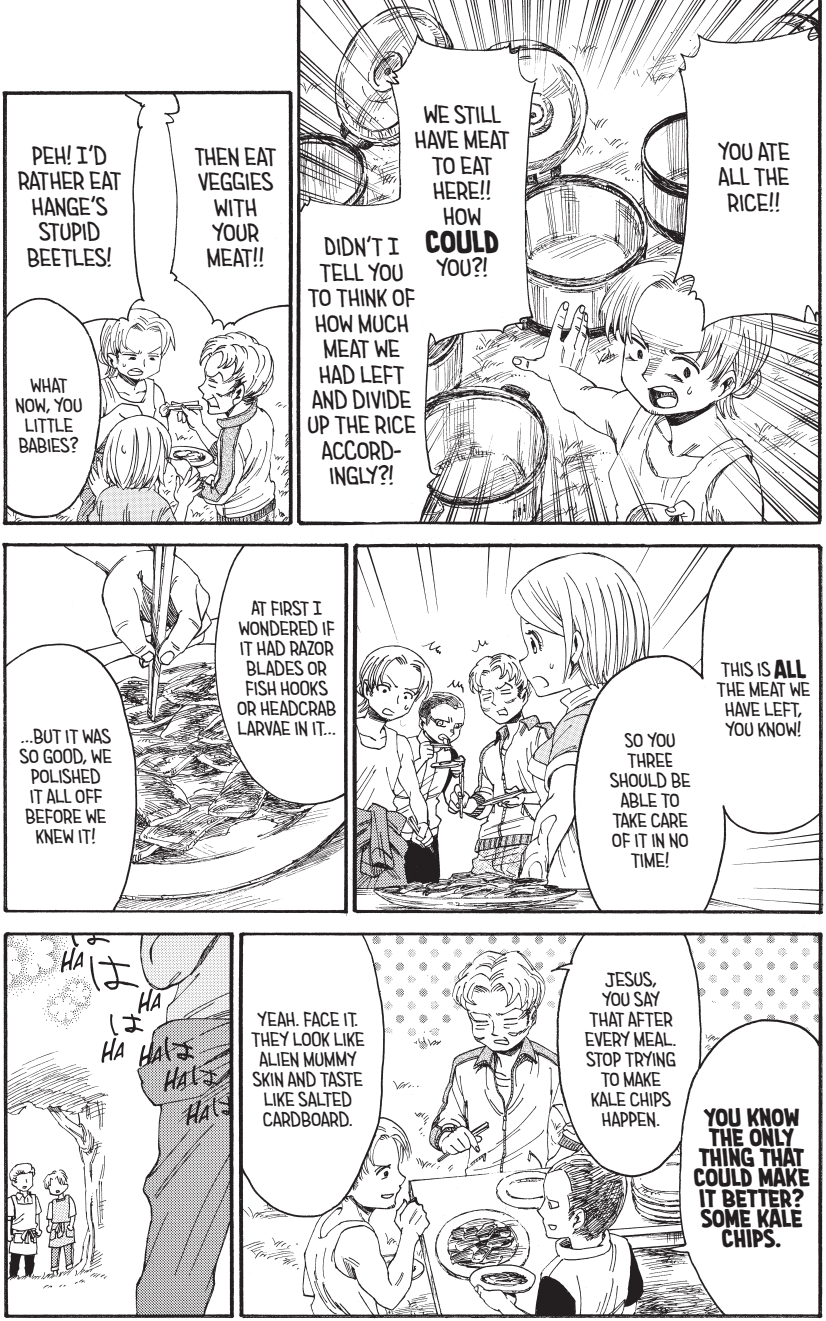
GAK ...!
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO KEEP US FROM LEAVING THE FOREST.
THE MEAT IS ALREADY JUST ABOUT COOKED TO PERFECTION...
AND THEY HAVE SWEET, MEDIUM AND SPICY SAUCES...
NOT TO MENTION THE GRATED GARLIC SET OUT FOR US TOO.
AND IN THE RICE COOKER...
...IS DELICIOUS-LOOKING PURE WHITE RICE...
IT COULDN'T BE MORE PERFECT ...
THEY'VE FORCED OUR HANDS!
NOW WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PARTICIPATE IN A KOREAN BARBECUE PARTY!


EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO EAT UNTIL THEY'RE FULL!
AND THEN...
I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT...
WE'VE MADE SO MUCH, EVEN HANGE WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT IT ALL...
EVEN IF HE'S TOTALLY AGAINST IT...
...MIKE WILL BE FORCED TO PUT OUR MEAT IN HIS MOUTH...!!
W-WAIT!! CALM DOWN, ELD!!
IF THEY WANT A KOREAN BARBECUE PARTY, I'LL GIVE 'EM ONE!!
I'M SO HUNGRY I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF ANYMORE!!
AHHH! DAMN THEM!!
GRIP

I KNOW THE EEL BOWL AND CURRY WERE ALL RIGHT, BUT WE CAN'T LET DOWN OUR GUARD...
AT LEAST LET ME TASTE IT FIRST...
DON'T BOTHER!!
THIS WILL NEVER END IF WE JUST KEEP RELYING ON YOU!
AND ISN'T THAT EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT...?!
PLEASE ALLOW US TO EAT THIS!!
AND WHEN WE'RE DONE...
...LET'S ALL JUST GO HOME!!
HEY! I WON'T LET YOU FACE A GRILL LIKE THIS ALONE!
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET US DOWN WHEN IT COUNTED!
UH... I'M COMPLETELY LOST HERE, GUYS... WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON?
ELD...
YOU'D DO THAT... FOR ME...?

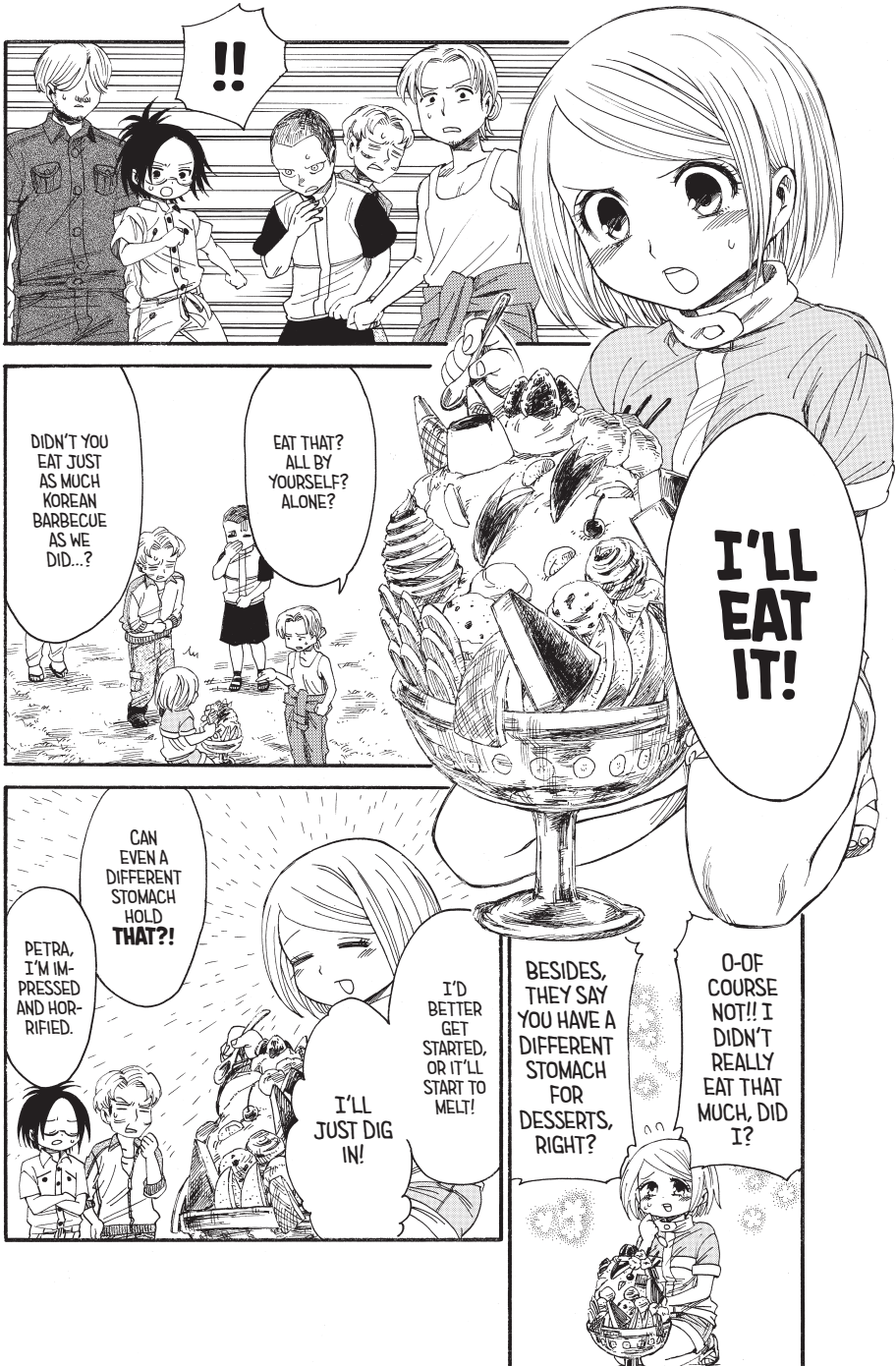
DO YOU FEEL LUCKY?! WELL, DO YA, PORK?!
A MAN'S GOTTA CHEW WHAT A MAN'S GOTTA CHEW!!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL HE'LL HAVE TO EAT.
THIS TIME, IT'S THE UNDER-CLASSMEN EATING.
MIKE ISN'T TOUCHING A BIT OF IT.
OH, FINE.
PETRA, WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP, TOO!
...THEY'D HAVE TO BE SUICIDAL!! THERE AREN'T ANY TOILETS OUT HERE, EITHER!
FOR FIVE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS TO EAT ALL THAT...
...FOR AN ARMENIAN WEDDING RECEPTION!
WE'VE GOT ENOUGH MEAT OUT THERE...

IT'S SOOO GOOD!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO STEP IN NOW OR...
...WILL YOU STEP IN TO SAVE YOUR FRIENDS FROM THE GREASY, SPURTING FATE THAT AWAITS THEM...?
NOW, MIKE...
HEH
PETRA, WOULD YOU GET ME MORE RICE?
GET IT YOUR-SELF!!
THE VEGGIES ARE SO SWEET, THEY'RE BETTER THAN CANDY!
JUST LIKE GRANDMA USED TO MAKE, EXCEPT WITH FEWER BULL TESTICLES!
THE MEAT IS JUST THICK ENOUGH, AND THE PEANUT SAUCE COMPLEMENTS IT PERFECTLY! THE WORST CRITIC COULDN'T FIND FAULT WITH THIS SPECTACULAR RICE!!
30 MIN-UTES LATER
H-HEY, YOU GUYS!!
HEH... YES, I'M SURE IT SEEMS FUN AT FIRST.
BUT JUST WAIT A LITTLE WHILE... WHAT THEN...?


YOU ATE ALL THE RICE!!
WE STILL HAVE MEAT TO EAT HERE!! HOW **COULD** YOU?!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO THINK OF HOW MUCH MEAT WE HAD LEFT AND DIVIDE UP THE RICE ACCORD-INGLY?!
THEN EAT VEGGIES WITH YOUR MEAT!!
PEH! I'D RATHER EAT HANGE'S STUPID BEETLES!
WHAT NOW, YOU LITTLE BABIES?
THIS IS **ALL** THE MEAT WE HAVE LEFT, YOU KNOW!
SO YOU THREE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT IN NO TIME!
AT FIRST I WONDERED IF IT HAD RAZOR BLADES OR FISH HOOKS OR HEADCRAB LARVAE IN IT...
...BUT IT WAS SO GOOD, WE POLISHED IT ALL OFF BEFORE WE KNEW IT!
HA
HA
HA

WHY HAVEN'T THEY SUFFERED EXPLOSIVE DECOM-PRESSION AT BOTH ENDS?
THEY'RE LAUGHING AND SAYING THEY WANT **MORE**...!
AND MIKE HASN'T EVEN TAKEN A BITE!
HOW COULD IT COME TO THIS...?
IT WAS JUST **TOO** DELICIOUS.
!
WE PACKED EVERY BITE WITH SO MUCH PURE DELICIOUS-NESS...
...THEIR STOMACHS EXTENDED THEMSELVES, PUSHING BEYOND THEIR NATURAL LIMITS SO THEY COULD KEEP EATING...!!
MY PRIDE AS A CHEF PROVED TO BE MY OWN WORST ENEMY...!!
KLENCH
DAMMIT, NANABA! SAVE YOUR REGRETS FOR AFTER!!
WE HAVE TO PLAY OUR LAST TRUMP CARD... WE HAVE TO WHIP OUT THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT...!!

SHKK
...
IT'S HUGE!
URK...
BE STILL, MY CONGESTED, LACTOSE-INTOLERANT HEART...
IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN HANGE IS AT HER LIMIT.
I DON'T THINK I COULD HANDLE THAT...
I DIDN'T FEEL THAT FULL BEFORE, BUT...
...THAT ICE CREAM HAS STOPPED ME COLD! HEH! RIGHT? COLD? PETRA?
...
IT SEEMS I HAVE NO CHOICE...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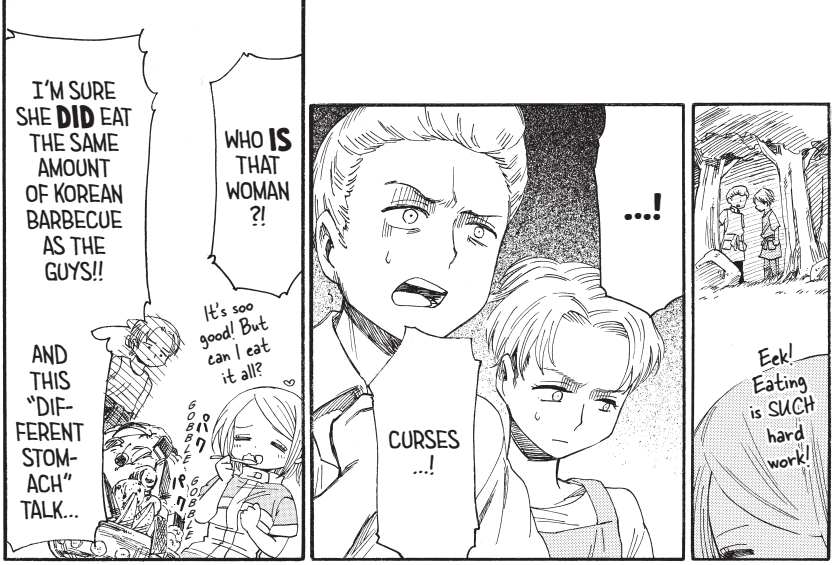
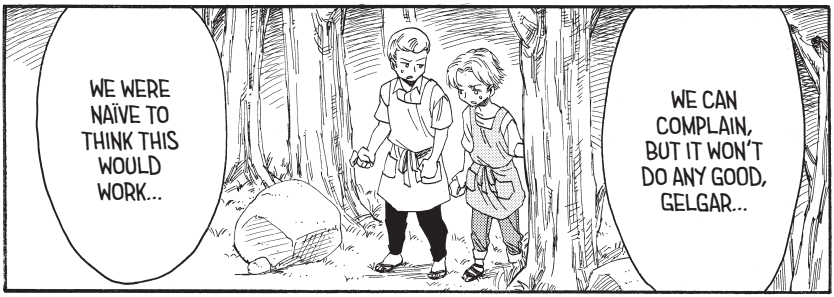
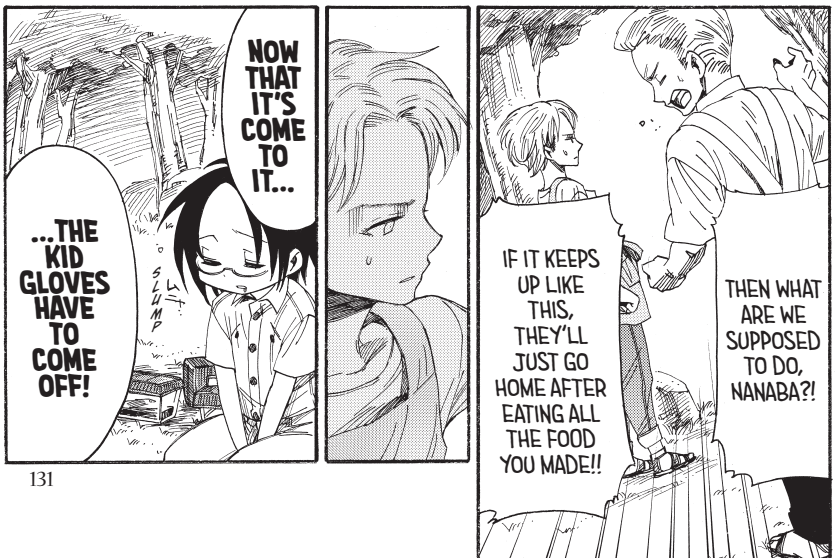
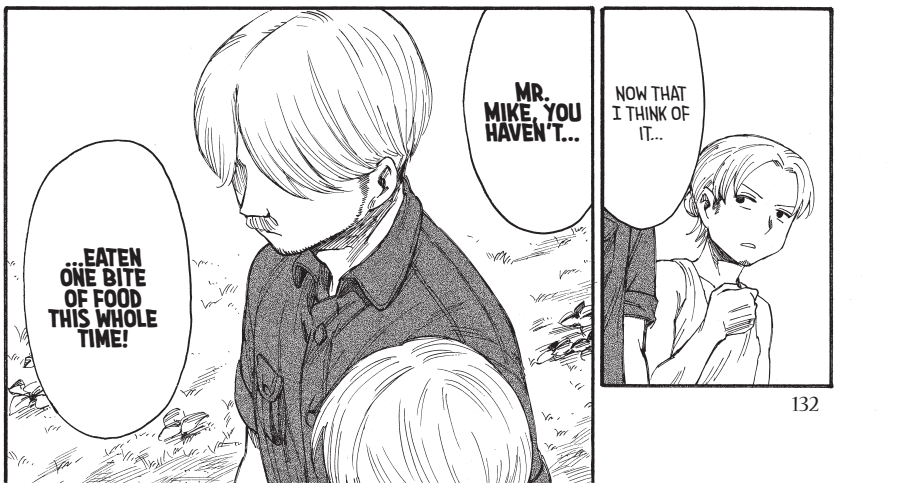
I'LL EAT IT!
O-OF COURSE NOT!! I DIDN'T REALLY EAT THAT MUCH, DID I?
BESIDES, THEY SAY YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT STOMACH FOR DESSERTS, RIGHT?
I'D BETTER GET STARTED, OR IT'LL START TO MELT!
I'LL JUST DIG IN!
CAN EVEN A DIFFERENT STOMACH HOLD THAT?!
PETRA, I'M IMPRESSED AND HORRIFIED.
EAT THAT? ALL BY YOURSELF? ALONE?
DIDN'T YOU EAT JUST AS MUCH KOREAN BARBECUE AS WE DID...?


I'M SURE SHE DID EAT THE SAME AMOUNT OF KOREAN BARBECUE AS THE GUYS!!
WHO IS THAT WOMAN ?!
It's soo good! But can I eat it all?
GOBBLE GOBBLE
AND THIS "DIFFERENT STOMACH" TALK...
CURSES ...!
...!
Eek! Eating is SUCH hard work!

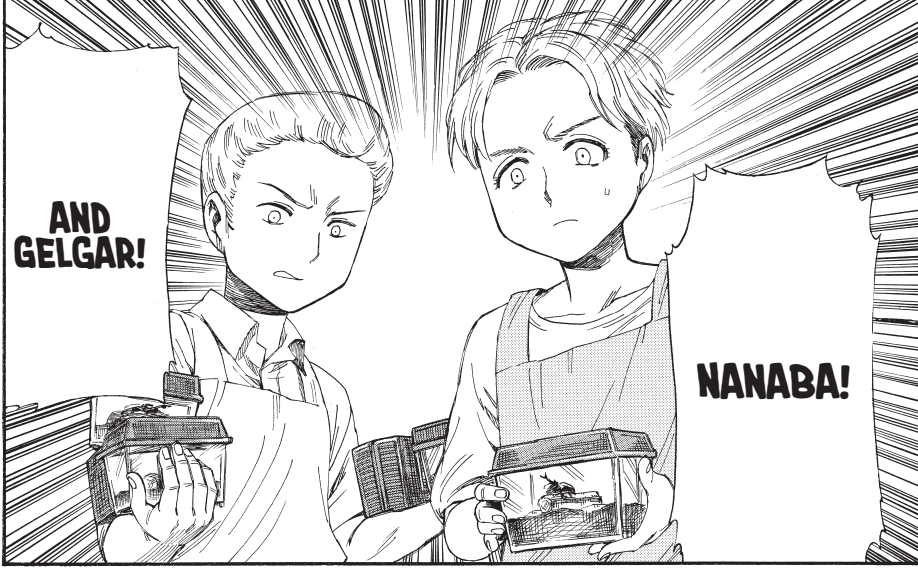

WE WERE NAÏVE TO THINK THIS WOULD WORK...
WE CAN COMPLAIN, BUT IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD, GELGAR...

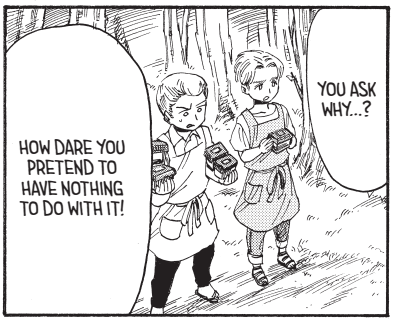

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO IT...
...THE KID GLOVES HAVE TO COME OFF!
SLUMP
IF IT KEEPS UP LIKE THIS, THEY'LL JUST GO HOME AFTER EATING ALL THE FOOD YOU MADE!!
THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, NANABA?!

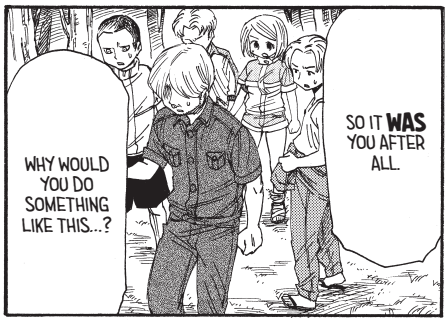
THAT WAS GREAT!
I THINK HER BRAIN IS FROZEN...
...OR MAYBE IT'S BEEN FORCED OUT TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE ICE CREAM?!
BETTER THAN THE ONE THE ALIENS SERVED THE PILGRIMS AT THE FIRST THANKS-GIVING!
THAT WAS THE BEST SUNDAE IN HISTORY!
BUT THAT KOREAN BARBE-CUE...
EVERYTHING WAS BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE RESTAURANT WOULD SERVE!
IF IT HADN'T BEEN, WE'D NEVER HAVE OVEREATEN LIKE IDIOTS BACK THERE...
WHOEVER MADE IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF GENIUS...
AND IN THE END, THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH ANY OF IT!
SO WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ALL THIS, ANYWAY?


NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
MR. MIKE, YOU HAVEN'T...
...EATEN ONE BITE OF FOOD THIS WHOLE TIME!

HERE WE ALL STUFFED OUR FACES...
...BUT YOU'RE PROBABLY THE HUNGRIEST ...
NO...
I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE, BUT IT WAS MY OWN DECISION NOT TO EAT.
HUH?
GCHNOOR
AS IT TURNS OUT, THE SMELLS OF ALL THIS FOOD SO FAR...
...ARE SMELLS THAT I HAVE SENSED BEFORE...
I'VE ALSO SEEN THE SAME PORTION SIZES AND TABLEWARE.
HUH ...?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ...?!
AND IT ISN'T JUST THAT...I CAN ALSO SENSE A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL HAND IN ALL THE OTHER DETAILS OF THE DISHES.
THERE ARE ONLY TWO PEOPLE AT TITAN JUNIOR HIGH...
...WHO ARE ABLE TO COOK AT THAT LEVEL...
SHUMP


AND GELGAR!
NANABA!

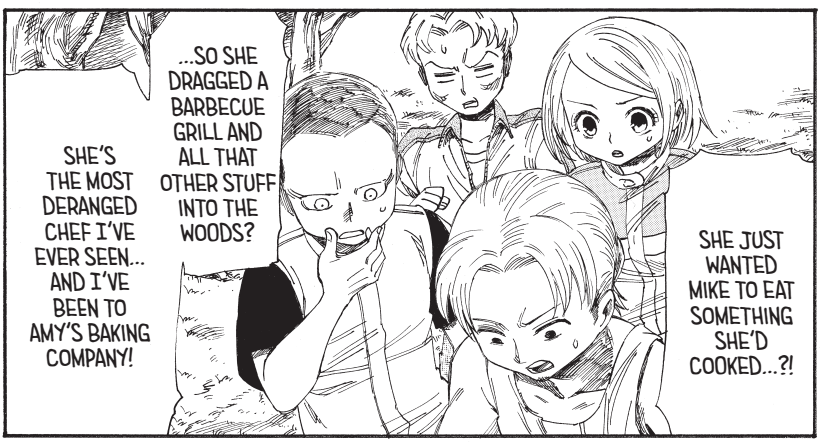

HOW DARE YOU PRETEND TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
YOU ASK WHY...?

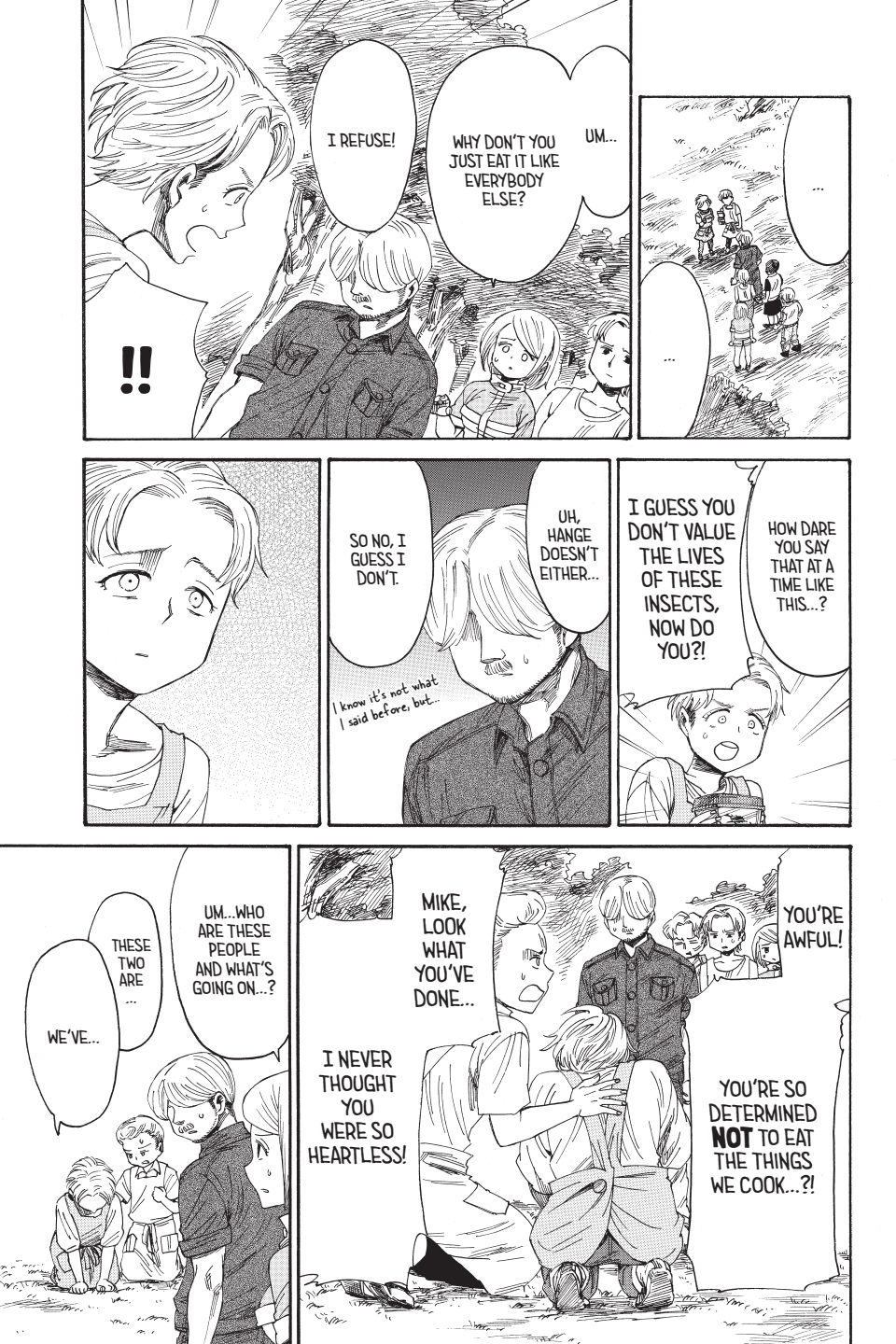

WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
SO IT WAS YOU AFTER ALL.

...HAS BEEN TO EXACT REVENGE ON YOU!!
MIKE... EVERY-THING WE'VE DONE TODAY...

WAIT... YOU MEAN THOSE TWO ACTUALLY DID MAKE ALL THAT FOOD...
...SO THERE'D BE A STRONG FOOD SCENT, AND MIKE'S NOSE WOULDN'T WORK AT FULL POWER?!
YEAH...
REVENGE ...?
...WHEN THEY COULD'VE JUST BURNED SOME TOAST, SPREAD MARMITE ON IT AND CALLED IT A DAY?
THEN WHY'D THEY SPEND ALL DAY COOKING SUCH GREAT STUFF...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT, MIKE.
THOSE BUGS BELONG TO HANGE!! PUT THEM DOWN RIGHT NOW ...!!
GCHNOOR
YOU WERE AFTER ME... RIGHT?

...UNTIL YOU'VE EATEN SOMETHING I HAVE COOKED!!
MIKE, YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE THIS FOREST...


SHE'S THE MOST DERANGED CHEF I'VE EVER SEEN... AND I'VE BEEN TO AMY'S BAKING COMPANY!
...SO SHE DRAGGED A BARBECUE GRILL AND ALL THAT OTHER STUFF INTO THE WOODS?
SHE JUST WANTED MIKE TO EAT SOMETHING SHE'D COOKED...?!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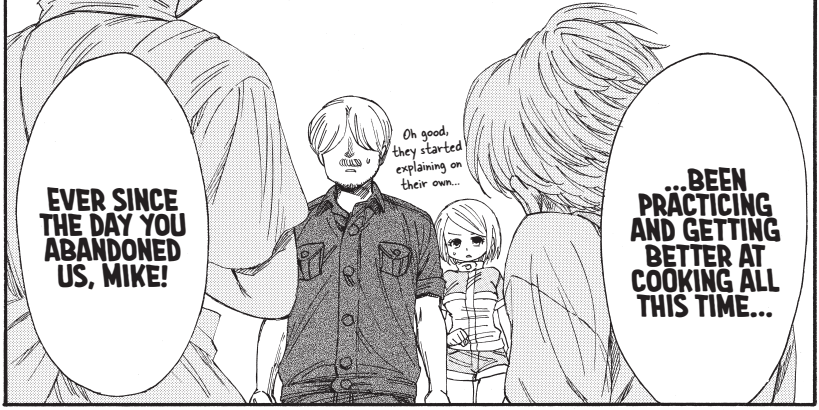
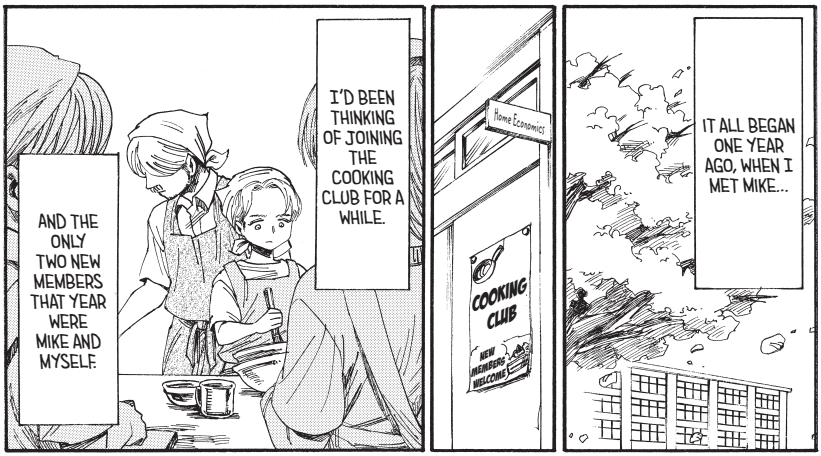
I REFUSE!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST EAT IT LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE?
UM...
...
...
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?
I GUESS YOU DON'T VALUE THE LIVES OF THESE INSECTS, NOW DO YOU?!
UH, HANGE DOESN'T EITHER...
SO NO, I GUESS I DON'T.
I know it's not what I said before, but...
YOU'RE AWFUL!
MIKE, LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE SO HEARTLESS!
YOU'RE SO DETERMINED NOT TO EAT THE THINGS WE COOK...?!
UM...WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE AND WHAT'S GOING ON...?
THESE TWO ARE ...
WE'VE...


EVER SINCE THE DAY YOU ABANDONED US, MIKE!
Oh good, they started explaining on their own...
...BEEN PRACTICING AND GETTING BETTER AT COOKING ALL THIS TIME...


AND THE ONLY TWO NEW MEMBERS THAT YEAR WERE MIKE AND MYSELF.
I'D BEEN THINKING OF JOINING THE COOKING CLUB FOR A WHILE.
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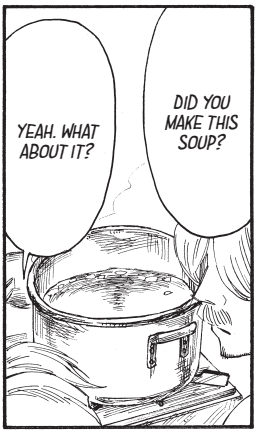
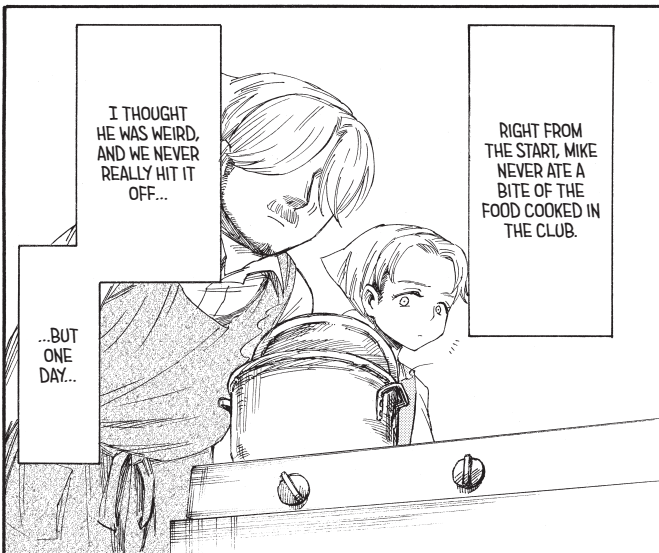
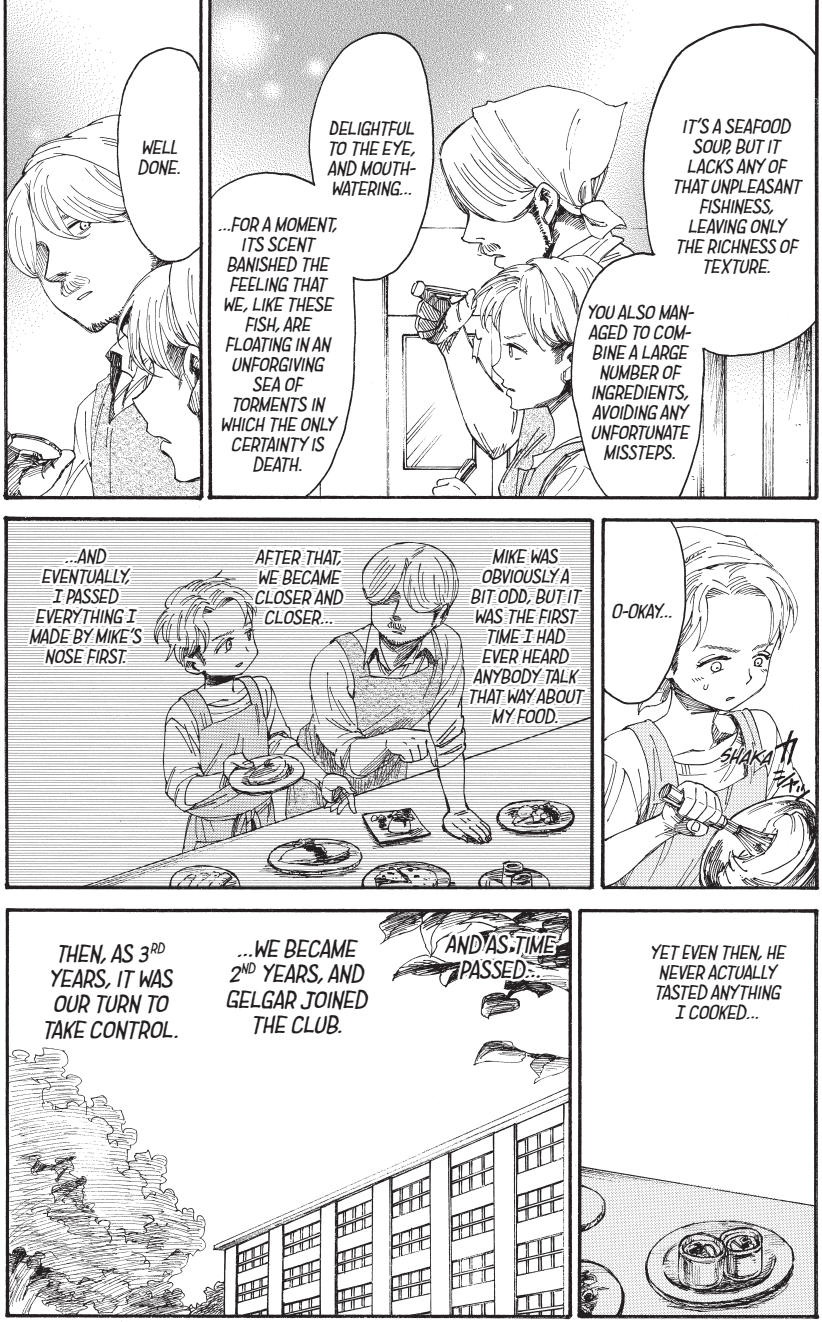
COOKING CLUB
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
IT ALL BEGAN ONE YEAR AGO, WHEN I MET MIKE...

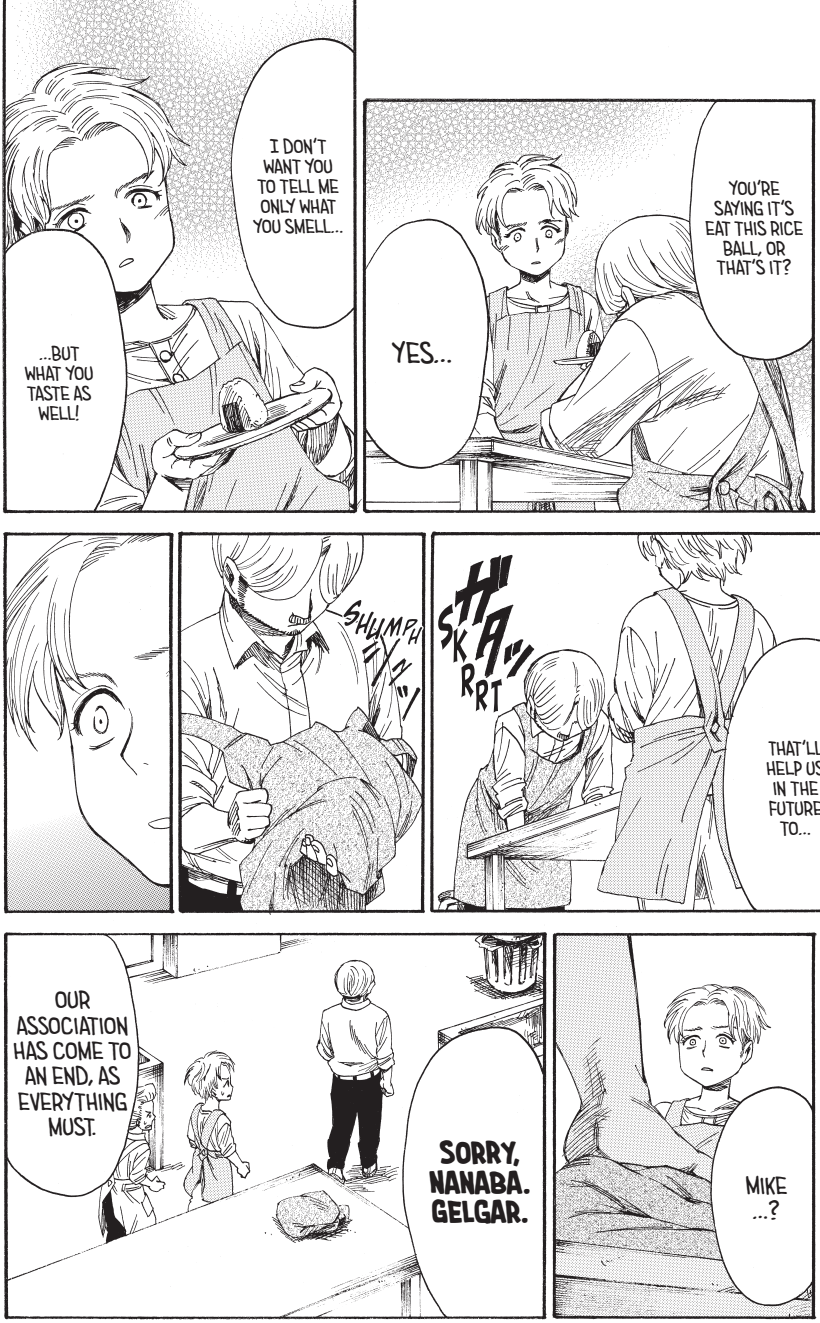

YEAH. WHAT ABOUT IT?
DID YOU MAKE THIS SOUP?


I THOUGHT HE WAS WEIRD, AND WE NEVER REALLY HIT IT OFF...
...BUT ONE DAY...
RIGHT FROM THE START, MIKE NEVER ATE A BITE OF THE FOOD COOKED IN THE CLUB.

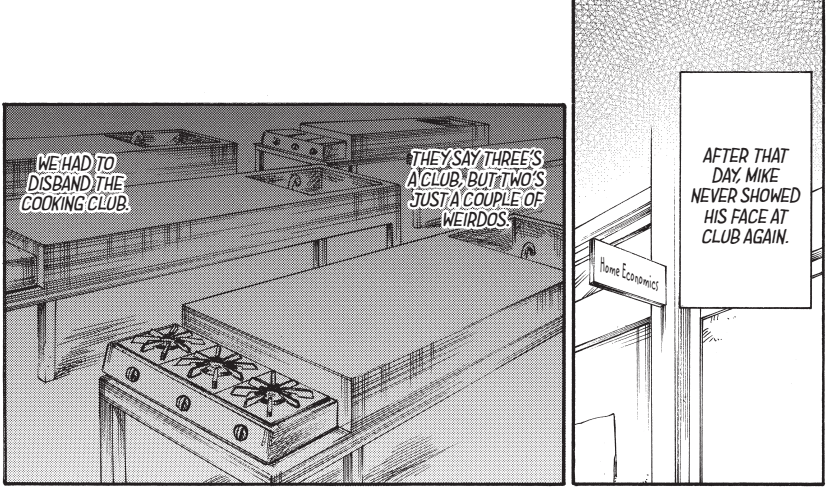

WELL DONE.
DELIGHTFUL TO THE EYE, AND MOUTH-WATERING...
...FOR A MOMENT, ITS SCENT BANISHED THE FEELING THAT WE, LIKE THESE FISH, ARE FLOATING IN AN UNFORGIVING SEA OF TORMENTS IN WHICH THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS DEATH.
IT'S A SEAFOOD SOUP, BUT IT LACKS ANY OF THAT UNPLEASANT FISHINESS, LEAVING ONLY THE RICHNESS OF TEXTURE.
YOU ALSO MANAGED TO COMBINE A LARGE NUMBER OF INGREDIENTS, AVOIDING ANY UNFORTUNATE MISSTEPS.
...AND EVENTUALLY, I PASSED EVERYTHING I MADE BY MIKE'S NOSE FIRST.
AFTER THAT, WE BECAME CLOSER AND CLOSER...
MIKE WAS OBVIOUSLY A BIT ODD, BUT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD EVER HEARD ANYBODY TALK THAT WAY ABOUT MY FOOD.
O-OKAY...
SHAKA SHAKA
THEN, AS 3RD YEARS, IT WAS OUR TURN TO TAKE CONTROL.
...WE BECAME 2ND YEARS, AND GELGAR JOINED THE CLUB.
AND AS TIME PASSED...
YET EVEN THEN, HE NEVER ACTUALLY TASTED ANYTHING I COOKED...

...THIS YEAR, WE'VE FINALLY MADE IT TO ZERO.
I NOTICED WE HAD FEWER AND FEWER NEW MEMBERS, BUT...
PHEW...
トンッ TONK
OFF IN YOUR OWN WORLD LIKE ALWAYS, MIKE?
SALT RICE BALLS WITH NOTHING INSIDE, HUH ...?
...
HA HA HA...
I THOUGHT AT LEAST ONE PERSON WOULD SEEK US OUT LIKE YOU DID LAST YEAR, GELGAR.
YOU DID ABSOLUTELY NO RECRUITMENT, SO YOU DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO TALK!
...MIKE.
HERE, TAKE ONE...
THERE'S ONLY THREE OF US OLD HANDS LEFT, SO WE EACH GET ONE.

I FIXED THESE UP TO COMMEMORATE OUR FIRST DAY...
... AS A THREE-PERSON COOKING CLUB.
WHY DON'T YOU EAT ONE?
NANABA ...
I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE THAT YOU NEVER EAT ANYTHING MADE AT SCHOOL.
BUT IF THE THREE OF US ARE GOING TO MAKE ANYTHING OF THIS CLUB, YOU'LL HAVE TO START.
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN MANAGE TO KEEP THIS GOING...
...NEVER PUTTING ANYTHING I MAKE IN YOUR MOUTH.
I'M BEGGING YOU, MIKE...
JUST EAT THIS RICE BALL...!!


I DON'T WANT YOU TO TELL ME ONLY WHAT YOU SMELL...
...BUT WHAT YOU TASTE AS WELL!
YOU'RE SAYING IT'S EAT THIS RICE BALL, OR THAT'S IT?
YES...
SHUMPH
SKRRT
THAT'LL HELP US IN THE FUTURE TO...
OUR ASSOCIATION HAS COME TO AN END, AS EVERYTHING MUST.
SORRY, NANABA. GELGAR.
MIKE ...?

HUH ...?
...I SHALL NEVER BE ABLE TO EAT ANYTHING COOKED BY YOUR HAND.
THOUGH I MAY TRUST YOU AS AS DAMON TRUSTED PYTHIAS...
IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT MY COOKING THAT YOU DISLIKE?!
IF THERE IS, THEN TELL ME WHAT!!
AT LEAST TELL ME THE REASON!!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS REFUSE THE FOOD YOU'RE OFFERED ?!
YOU'RE KIDDING! WHAT'S GOING ON, MIKE?!
...CANNOT PARTAKE OF IT.
...THAT I...
IT'S SIMPLY...
YOUR COOKING IS IN NO WAY THE PROBLEM.


WE HAD TO DISBAND THE COOKING CLUB.
THEY SAY THREE'S A CLUB, BUT TWO'S JUST A COUPLE OF WEIRDOS.
AFTER THAT DAY, MIKE NEVER SHOWED HIS FACE AT CLUB AGAIN.
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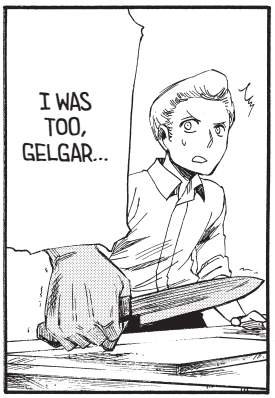
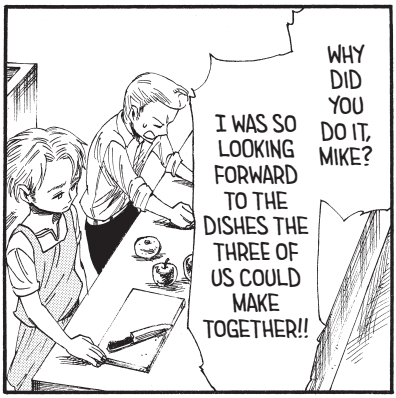
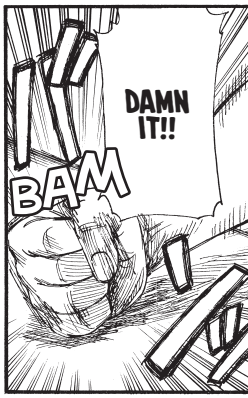
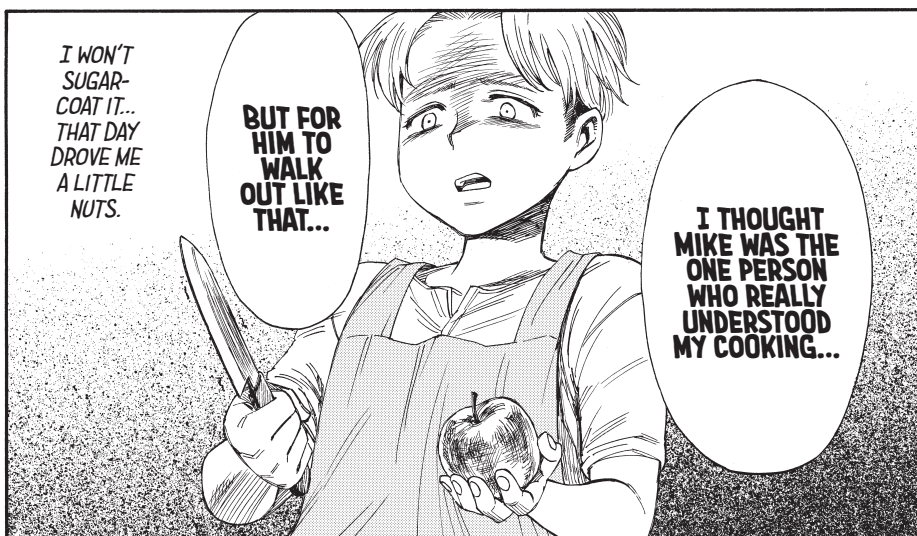
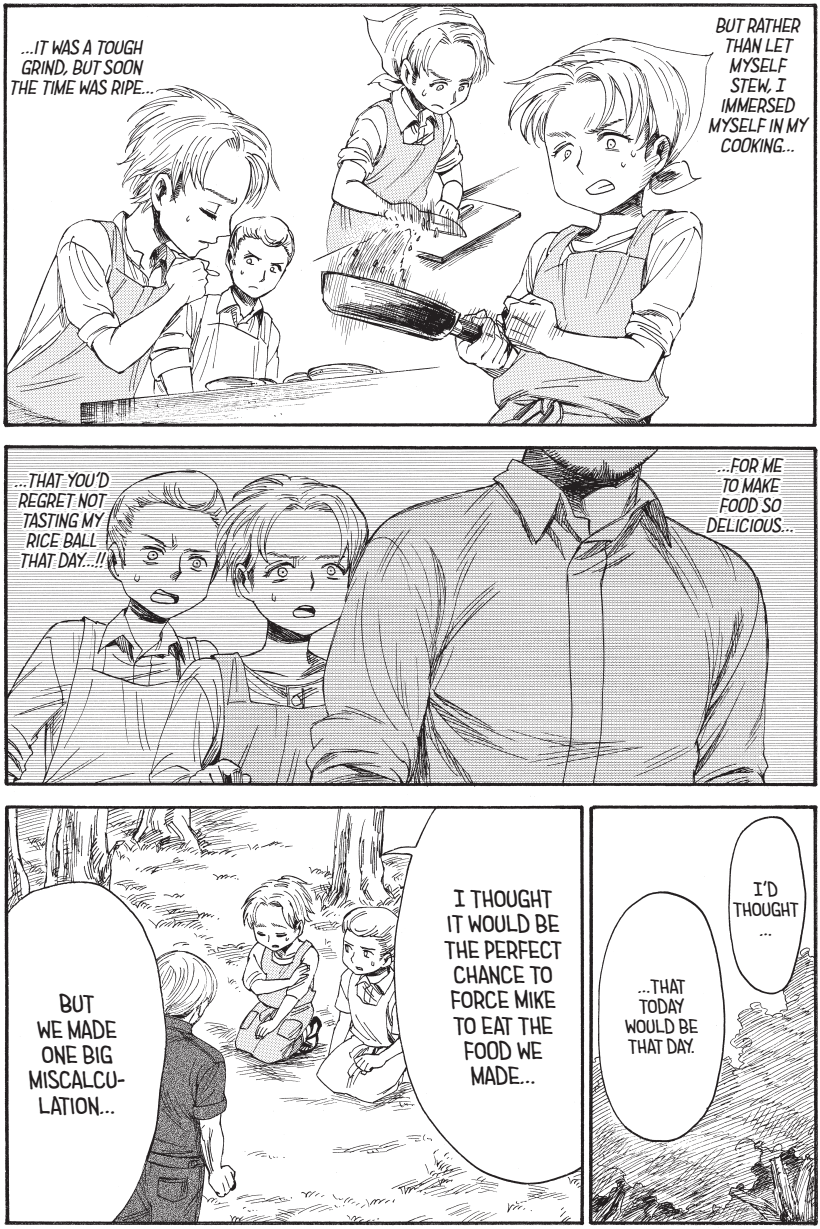

I WAS TOO, GELGAR...

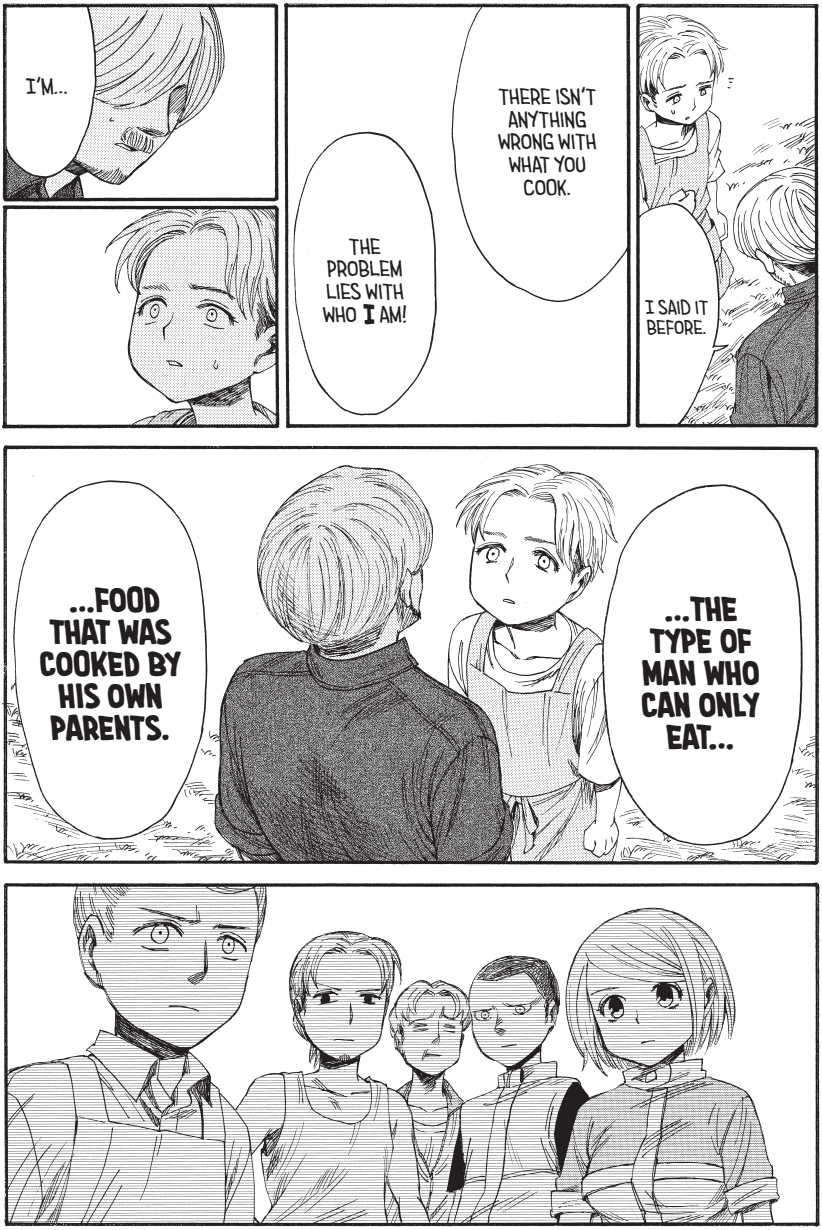

WHY DID YOU DO IT, MIKE?
I WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DISHES THE THREE OF US COULD MAKE TOGETHER!!

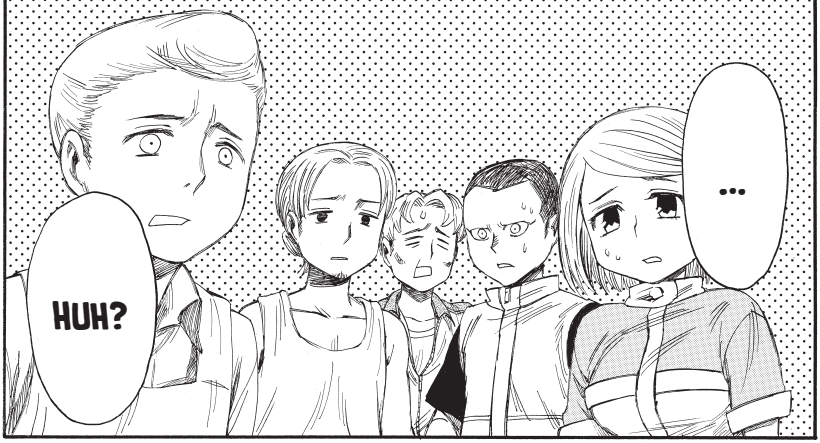

DAMN IT!!
BAM


I WON'T SUGAR-COAT IT... THAT DAY DROVE ME A LITTLE NUTS.
BUT FOR HIM TO WALK OUT LIKE THAT...
I THOUGHT MIKE WAS THE ONE PERSON WHO REALLY UNDERSTOOD MY COOKING...


...IT WAS A TOUGH GRIND, BUT SOON THE TIME WAS RIPE...
BUT RATHER THAN LET MYSELF STEW, I IMMERSED MYSELF IN MY COOKING...
...THAT YOU'D REGRET NOT TASTING MY RICE BALL THAT DAY...!!
...FOR ME TO MAKE FOOD SO DELICIOUS...
BUT WE MADE ONE BIG MISCALCU-LATION...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE PERFECT CHANCE TO FORCE MIKE TO EAT THE FOOD WE MADE...
...THAT TODAY WOULD BE THAT DAY.
I'D THOUGHT ...

WE DIDN'T REALIZE...
...YOUR CLUBMATES' STOMACHS WERE PORTALS TO ANOTHER DIMENSION!
I THOUGHT THAT AFTER ALL THAT KOREAN BARBECUE, NO HUMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO STOMACH THAT ENORMOUS PARFAIT...
FOR ONE GIRL TO MANAGE TO SCARF DOWN THE ENTIRE THING...
Huh?
I'd figure the same thing.
Who would?
WHY WON'T YOU EAT ANYTHING OF MINE, MIKE?!
JUST ONE SLICE OF MEAT, ONE SPOONFUL OF SOUP, OR EVEN ONE GRAIN OF RICE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH!!
JUST WHAT IS IT...
...THAT'S SO BAD ABOUT WHAT I COOK?!
I WISH YOU'D TELL **US** TOO!
WHY WON'T YOU EAT WHAT THESE TWO GUYS COOK?!
WE PROBABLY HAVE DIABETES OR HEART DISEASE OR SOMETHING NOW, SO YOU OWE US AN ANSWER!
...
MR. MIKE...?


I'M...
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING WRONG WITH WHAT YOU COOK.
THE PROBLEM LIES WITH WHO I AM!
I SAID IT BEFORE.
...FOOD THAT WAS COOKED BY HIS OWN PARENTS.
...THE TYPE OF MAN WHO CAN ONLY EAT...


HUH?
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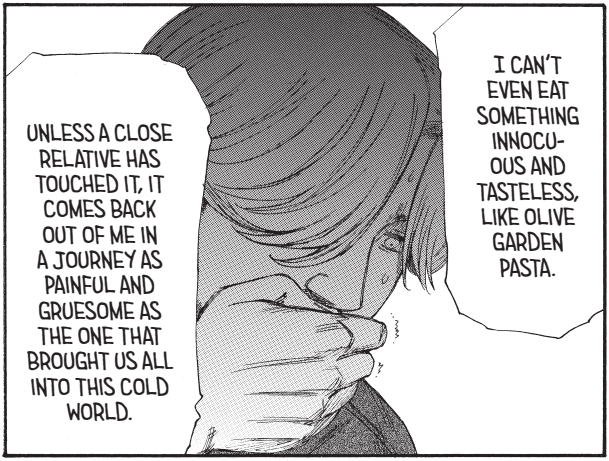
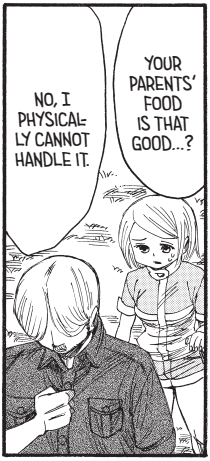
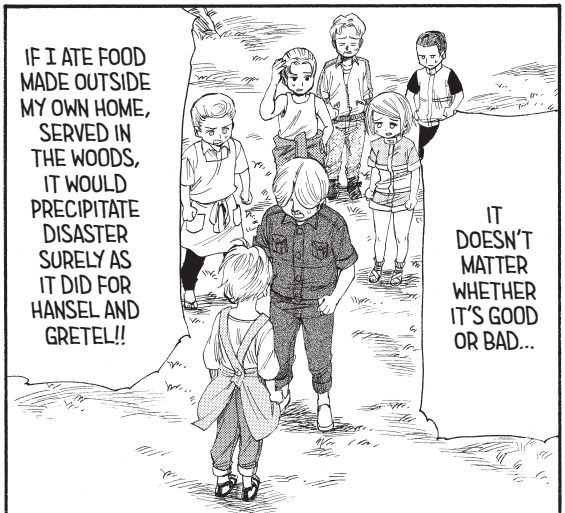
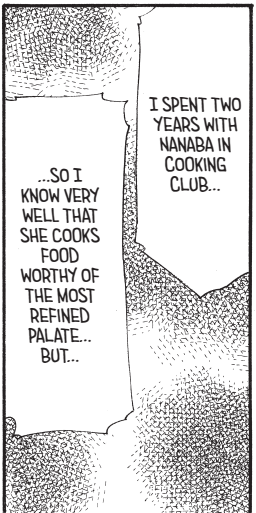
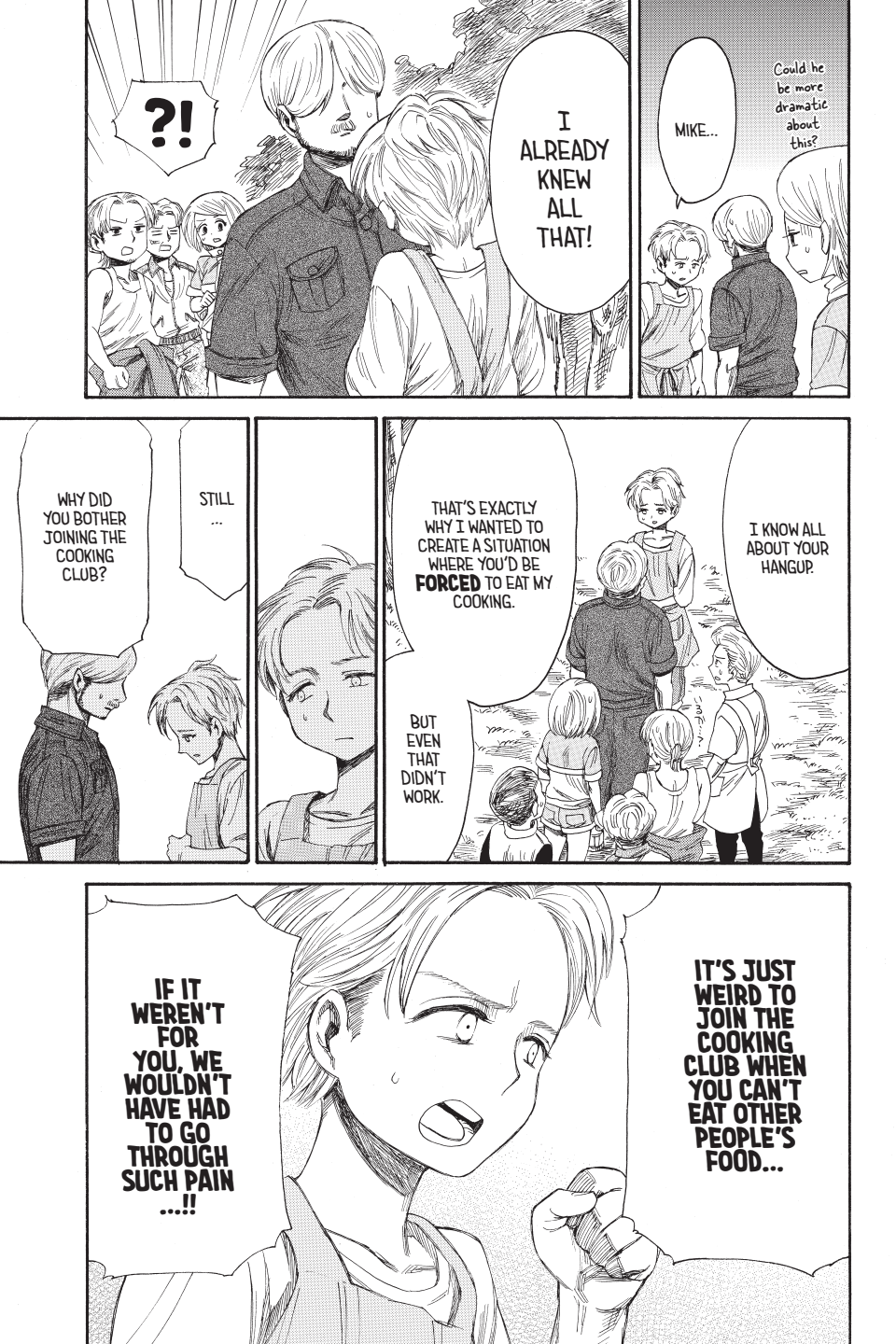
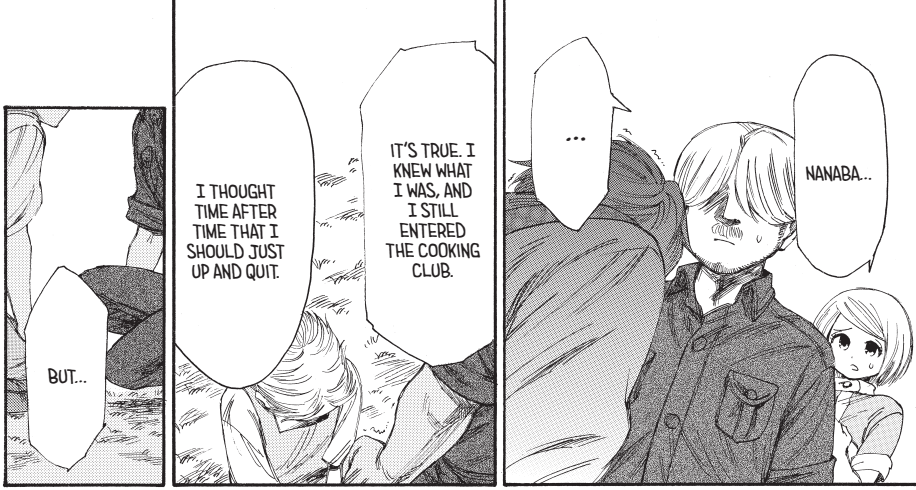

UNLESS A CLOSE RELATIVE HAS TOUCHED IT, IT COMES BACK OUT OF ME IN A JOURNEY AS PAINFUL AND GRUESOME AS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT US ALL INTO THIS COLD WORLD.
I CAN'T EVEN EAT SOMETHING INNOCU-OUS AND TASTELESS, LIKE OLIVE GARDEN PASTA.

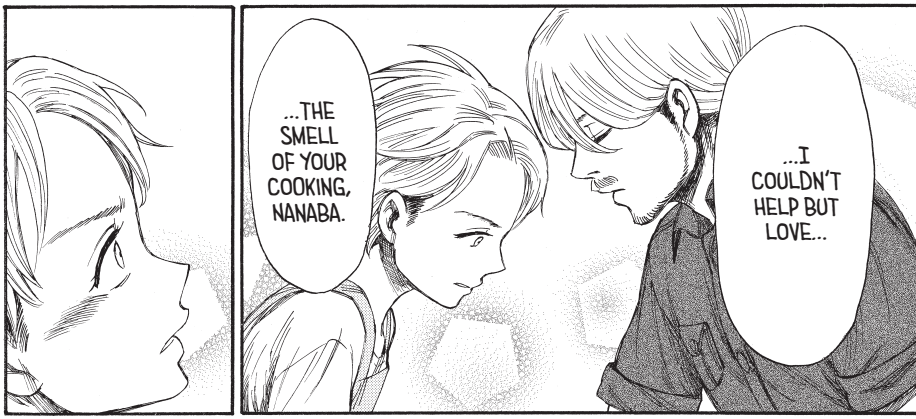

NO, I PHYSICAL-LY CANNOT HANDLE IT.
YOUR PARENTS' FOOD IS THAT GOOD...?

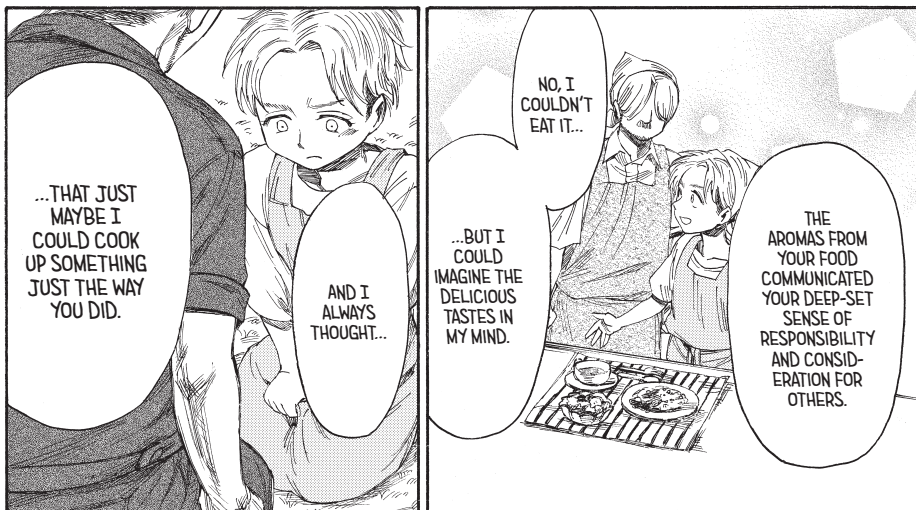

IF I ATE FOOD MADE OUTSIDE MY OWN HOME, SERVED IN THE WOODS, IT WOULD PRECIPITATE DISASTER SURELY AS IT DID FOR HANSEL AND GRETEL!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER IT'S GOOD OR BAD...


...SO I KNOW VERY WELL THAT SHE COOKS FOOD WORTHY OF THE MOST REFINED PALATE... BUT...
I SPENT TWO YEARS WITH NANABA IN COOKING CLUB...

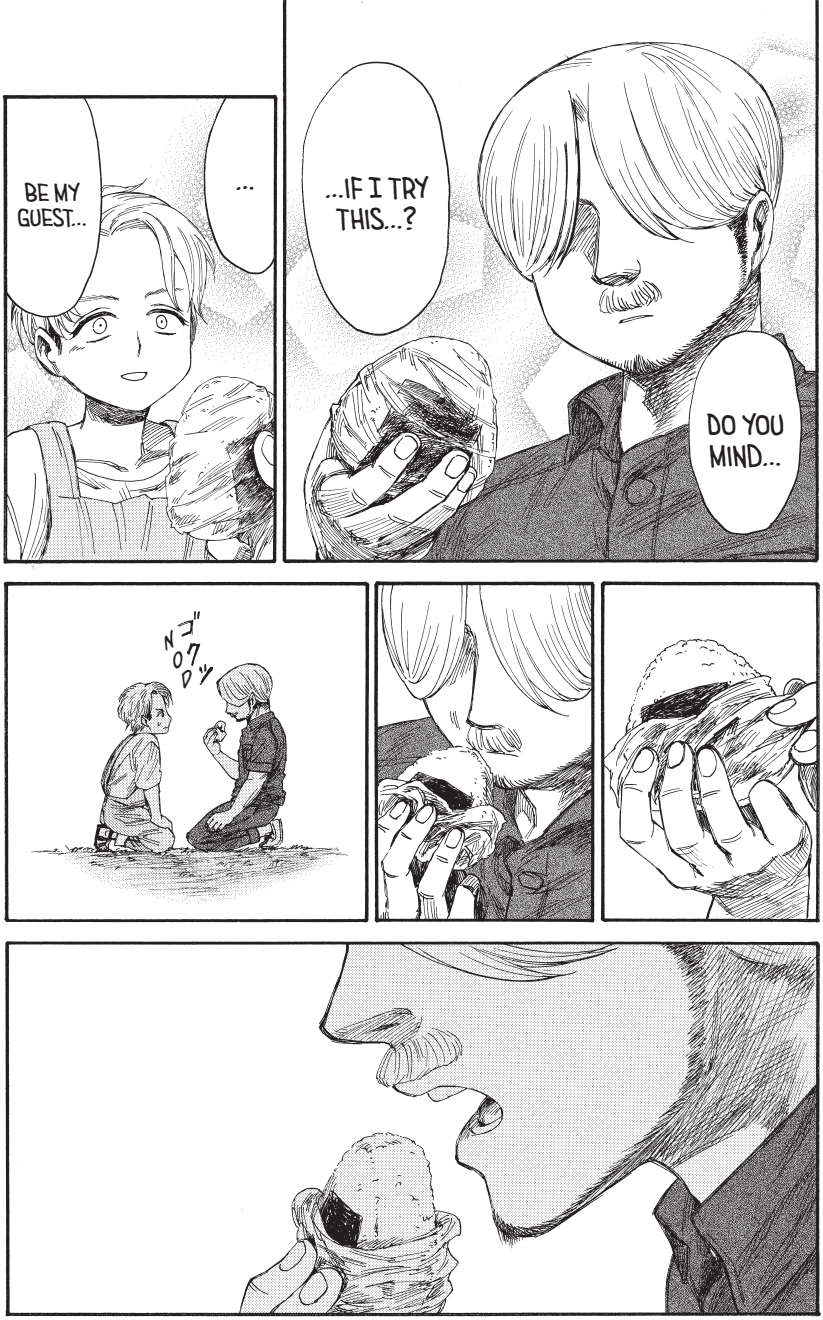

?!
I ALREADY KNEW ALL THAT!
MIKE...
Could he be more dramatic about this?
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR HANGUP.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I WANTED TO CREATE A SITUATION WHERE YOU'D BE **FORCED** TO EAT MY COOKING.
BUT EVEN THAT DIDN'T WORK.
STILL ...
WHY DID YOU BOTHER JOINING THE COOKING CLUB?
IT'S JUST WEIRD TO JOIN THE COOKING CLUB WHEN YOU CAN'T EAT OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD...
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO GO THROUGH SUCH PAIN ...!!


BUT...
I THOUGHT TIME AFTER TIME THAT I SHOULD JUST UP AND QUIT.
IT'S TRUE. I KNEW WHAT I WAS, AND I STILL ENTERED THE COOKING CLUB.
...
NANABA...


...THE SMELL OF YOUR COOKING, NANABA.
...I COULDN'T HELP BUT LOVE...


...THAT JUST MAYBE I COULD COOK UP SOMETHING JUST THE WAY YOU DID.
AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT...
...BUT I COULD IMAGINE THE DELICIOUS TASTES IN MY MIND.
NO, I COULDN'T EAT IT...
THE AROMAS FROM YOUR FOOD COMMUNICATED YOUR DEEP-SET SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSID-ERATION FOR OTHERS.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN ...?
ALL YOU NEED DO IS TASTE SOMETHING I MADE, AND THAT'D END IT.
MIKE, YOU'RE...
...KIND OF WEIRD, HUH?
I'M SORRY...
...
...HM?
AH...!


BE MY GUEST...
...
...IF I TRY THIS...?
DO YOU MIND...
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GHUDDER
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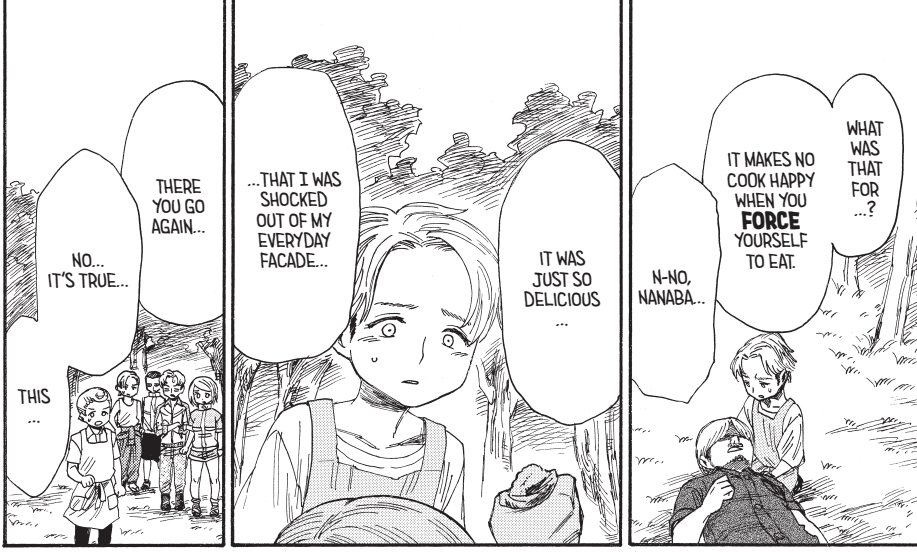
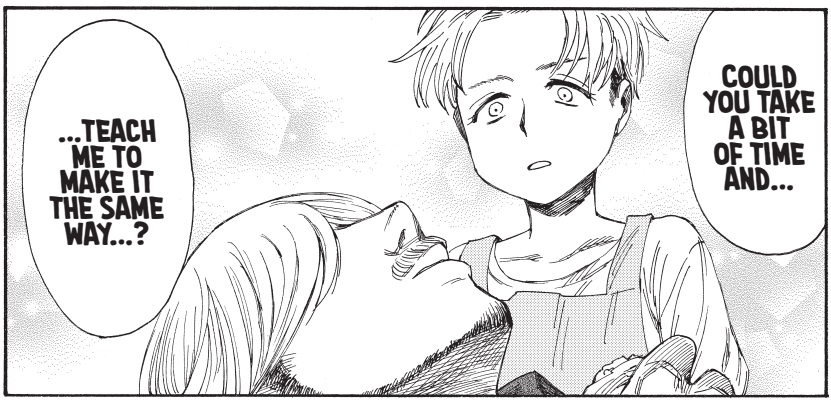
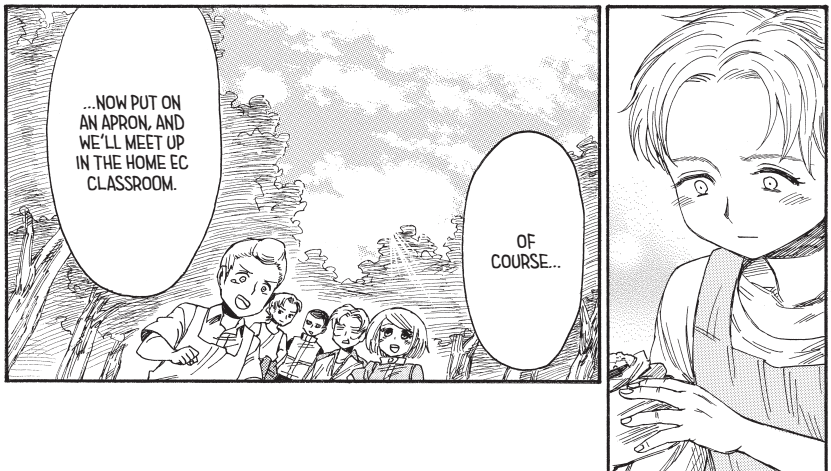
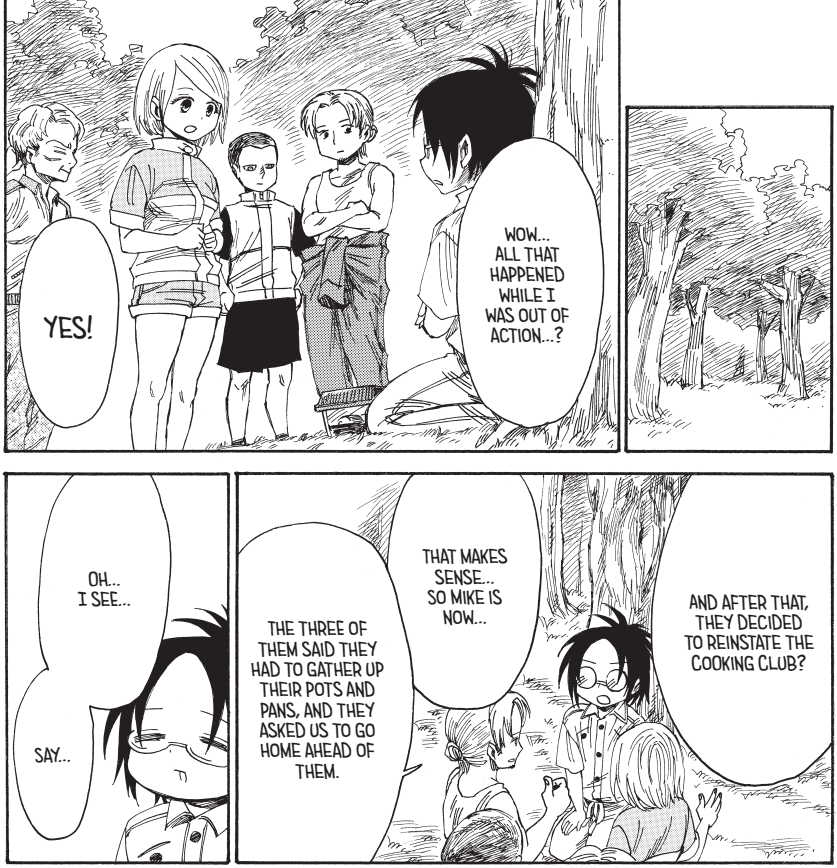
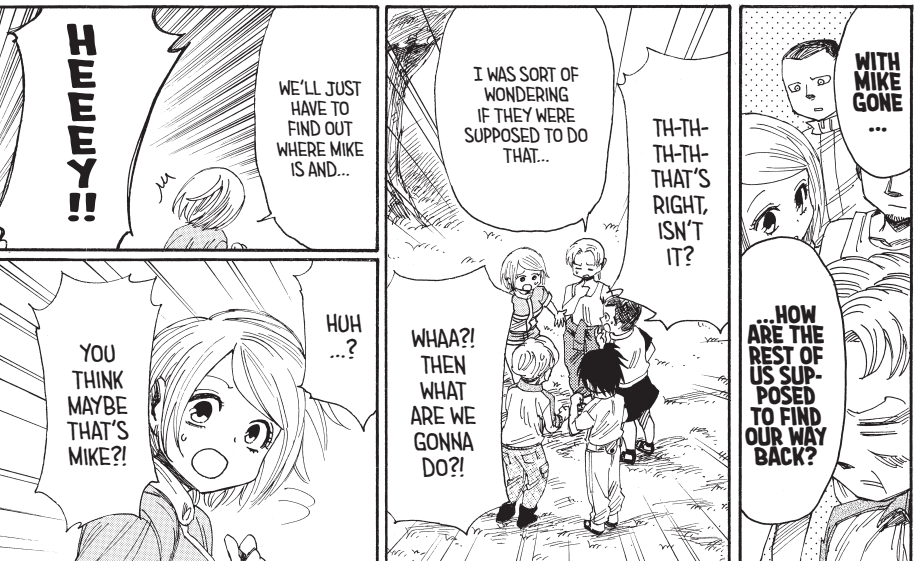

WHAT WAS THAT FOR...?
IT MAKES NO COOK HAPPY WHEN YOU FORCE YOURSELF TO EAT.
N-NO, NANABA...
IT WAS JUST SO DELICIOUS...
...THAT I WAS SHOCKED OUT OF MY EVERYDAY FACADE...
THERE YOU GO AGAIN...
NO... IT'S TRUE...
THIS...


COULD YOU TAKE A BIT OF TIME AND...
...TEACH ME TO MAKE IT THE SAME WAY...?


...NOW PUT ON AN APRON, AND WE'LL MEET UP IN THE HOME EC CLASSROOM.
OF COURSE...


WOW... ALL THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS OUT OF ACTION...?
YES!
AND AFTER THAT, THEY DECIDED TO REINSTATE THE COOKING CLUB?
THAT MAKES SENSE... SO MIKE IS NOW...
THE THREE OF THEM SAID THEY HAD TO GATHER UP THEIR POTS AND PANS, AND THEY ASKED US TO GO HOME AHEAD OF THEM.
OH... I SEE...
SAY...


WITH MIKE GONE ...
...HOW ARE THE REST OF US SUPPOSED TO FIND OUR WAY BACK?
TH-TH-TH-TH-THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?
I WAS SORT OF WONDERING IF THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT...
WHAA?! THEN WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT WHERE MIKE IS AND...
HEEEY!!
HUH ...?
YOU THINK MAYBE THAT'S MIKE?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, PETR-AAAA!!!
?!
IS THAT PETRA'S FATHER...?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE AN ANGRY TURNIP.
...!
FOR PITY'S SAKE!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING LATE AT NIGHT IN A FOREST IN MIXED COMPANY?!
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING! NEITHER ARE THEY!! OH, HONESTLY!!
I brought this rope to tie everyone up while you escape.
AH, SO YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE?!
HOW DARE YOU?! AND JUST A WEEK BEFORE THE PURITY BALL, TOO!!
I ASKED THEM TO HELP US COLLECT INSECTS...
I-I'M SORRY... UM...
!!
COLLECT INSECTS?! WHAT COULD THAT MEAN?!
I KNOW YOU KIDS! EVERYTHING'S A EUPHEMISM! PROBABLY FOR SEX BRACELETS AND EYEBALL VODKA!!
DAD!! I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SEE YOU UNTIL THE WEEKEND!
AFTER A COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY LECTURE, IT TURNED OUT THE ROPE WAS LONG ENOUGH TO FOLLOW BACK TO CIVILIZATION.

MAN, IT'S HOT!!
...TODAY IS ONE OF THE DAYS WHEN STUDENTS MUST CHECK IN AT SCHOOL, SO EVERYONE IS BACK ON CAMPUS.
IT'S STILL SUMMER VACATION AT TITAN JUNIOR HIGH, BUT...
JEEET JEEET
TITAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MR. LEVI!!
I THOUGHT I HEARD DIRT MOVING AROUND IN THE SHAPE OF AN IDIOT. SO IT WAS YOU?
I CAN'T WEAR A THING LIKE THAT TO SCHOOL!
EREN, I BOUGHT YOU A HAT TO PREVENT HEAT-STROKE...
AH ...!!
HEY, YOU!
UH, GREAT STUFF... WE HAVE TO GO, SO...
...
OF COURSE! THE DUST REALLY STARTS BUILDING UP DURING THE VACATION DAYS. DOES GET HOT, THOUGH.
I DON'T KNOW HOW THE LAZY PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT IT, BUT...
YOU'VE BEEN CLEANING UP HERE SINCE MORNING?

YOU WITH THAT THING OVER YOUR HEAD...
THAT LOOKS TOO HOT! TAKE IT OFF NOW!

NO, I'M FINE...
PLEASE DON'T BOTHER ABOUT ME.
Smile
NO, I'M AFRAID I AM BOTHERED!
JUST LOOKING AT YOU MAKES ME HOT!
TAKE IT OFF!
...
UH, MR. LEVI...
PLEASE DON'T WORRY...
IT'S A MESH FABRIC!
SLIP

HI GRATCH
IT'S WEIRD, YOU'RE WEIRD, I'M HOT. TAKE IT OFF!
TAKE IT OFF!
SO WHAT?
SWISH
THAT BLANKET IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ARMIN!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE IT OFF HIM AGAINST HIS WILL, DO YOU?
COME ON, MR. LEVI, GET A GRIP HERE.
R-REALLY... ANYTHING BUT THAT...
WHAT'S THE REAL REAOSN HE WOULD WEAR THAT BLANKET ON HIS HEAD IN THIS WITHERING HEAT?
SIGH... THEN CONVINCE ME! EXPLAIN IT TO ME!
DID YOU TELL ME TO GET A GRIP?
EREN...

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GREAT DODGEBALL TRAGEDY...
...OKAY...
GO AHEAD AND TELL HIM JUST HOW IMPORTANT THAT THING IS TO YOU!
FINE! GO AHEAD AND TELL HIM, ARMIN!
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE WORLD OF *THE DUNGEON MASTER'S GUIDE VERSION 3.5*... I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TO ACTUALLY PLAY WITH, OF COURSE, BUT WHAT I DID HAVE WAS...
WHAM
ドテッ
...WHAT I FOUND WAS A MAGICAL NEW WORLD OUTSIDE THESE WALLS. A LAND OF WATER ON FIRE, OF EARTH COVERED IN ICE, OF SAND DUNES AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE...
...I STOPPED GOING TO SCHOOL AND PLUNGED MYSELF INTO A WORLD OF IMAGINATION. I RAIDED MY GRANDPA'S LIBRARY...
MY **PARTY OF ADVEN-TURERS!**
IT'S NOT JUST PART OF MY FAMILY! IT'S PART OF SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT...
...MY PINK KITTY BLANKET!
His name is Bigbee.
R— right.
YES...

WHEN I LOOK, ALL I SEE IS A BLANKET.
BUT TO YOU, THIS IS A MAGICAL ITEM, A FRIEND, A FELLOW TRAVELER, A KEY PART OF YOUR SOLITARY LIFE...
THIS "CLOAK" IS WHAT'S KEEPING YOU GOING.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, MR. LEVI?
I THINK SO...

HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT, MR. LEVI?!
Huh?

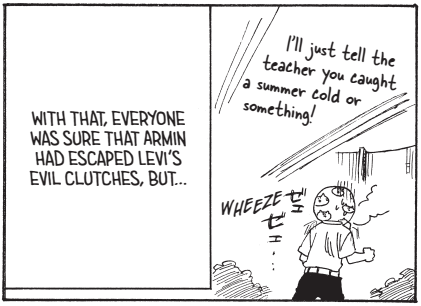
SO TAKE IT OFF!

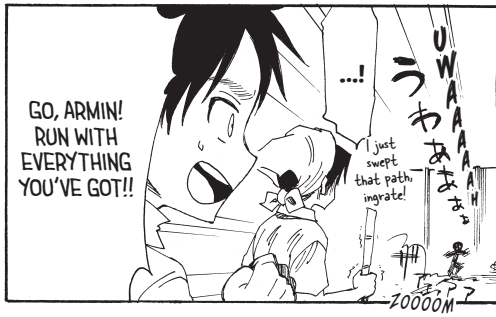
I MEAN, WHAT'S SADDER THAN SOMEONE WITH NO FRIENDS...
...WHO SITS AROUND READING BOOKS OF RULES FOR GAMES HE'LL NEVER PLAY?!
!!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID?!
YEAH, I HEARD THE MOST PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR SINCE OTAKIN!

THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO SAY, IS THERE?
TAKE IT OFF. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER, AND I'LL FEEL BETTER.
AS YOUR CLUB ELDER, IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING YOU BACK TO THE REAL WORLD. AND THE FIRST STEP ON THAT JOURNEY IS TO TAKE OFF THAT RAG!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY ALL THE EVANGELICAL CHICKS...
...KEEP WAVING CRUCIFIXES AND JACK CHICK TRACTS AT YOU!
VERY WELL...
SST
...
MR. LEVI...
YOU NEED "PENCIL, PAPER, DICE, AND FRIENDS" TO PLAY...
IT'S JUST AS MR. LEVI SAID...
...AND ALL I HAVE IS A BLANKET WITH KITTIES ON IT.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY TO TAKE THAT THING OFF?!
ARMIN, WAIT...
YES...

ダッシュ
DASH
I'M SORRY! I JUST CAN'T DO IT!!


WITH THAT, EVERYONE WAS SURE THAT ARMIN HAD ESCAPED LEVI'S EVIL CLUTCHES, BUT...
I'll just tell the teacher you caught a summer cold or something!
WHEEZE ゼェ...


GO, ARMIN! RUN WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!!
...!
うわあああああ UWAAAAAAAH
I just swept that path, ingrate!
ZOOOOM

THE MINUTE I'M FINISHED CLEANING THE SCHOOL...
...I'M GOING TO SWEEP THAT FUTON CLEAR OFF YOUR HEAD!
TO BE CONTINUED

...FOR SOME REASON, HIS OBSESSION DID NOT END THERE.
FINE, YOU PRESTI-DIGITATING LITTLE WHELP, I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.
Eren!

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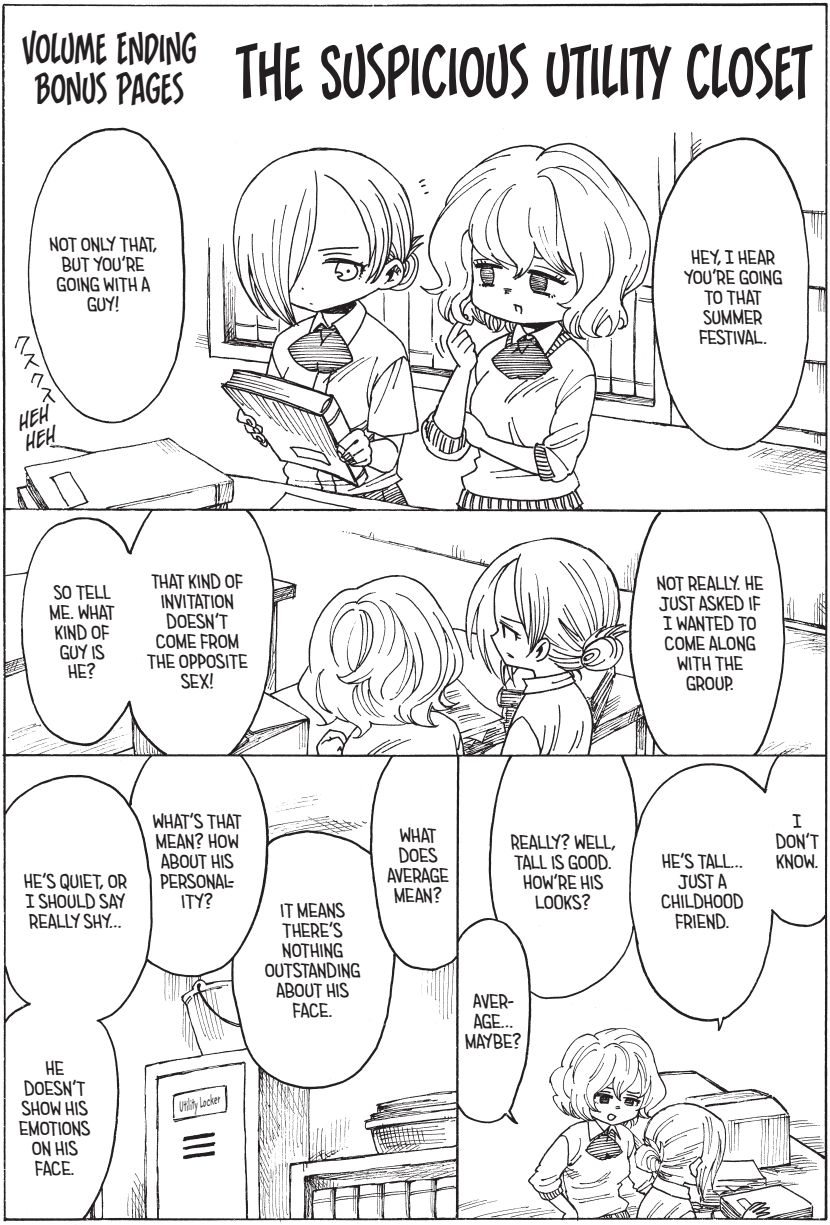
THE SUSPICIOUS UTILITY CLOSET



LIKE I SAID, IT'S AS A PART OF A GROUP!
I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU AGREED TO GO OUT WITH HIM!
YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH SOMEBODY THAT BORING?!
THAT, I'D BELIEVE!
...BUT SOMEBODY IN THE GROUP THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN, HUH?
SO IT WASN'T THE GUY WHO ASKED YOU...
OH, I GET IT NOW!
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE
I'LL BET IT'S THAT GUY FROM CLASS 4. THAT CHEESE-LOAF GUY...
HUH? BUT YOU SAID BEFORE THAT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED IN FESTIVALS, RIGHT?
NOT EVERYBODY GOES TO THE SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES, GOT IT?

Utility Locker
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE
Utility Locker
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE SNIFFLE
WAAAH
KACHAK
WAAAHH!!
THAT WAS THE GUY WHO INVITED ME.
HUH? SERI-OUSLY?
BUT YOU SAID HE DOESN'T SHOW EMOTIONS.
THAT'S WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO FOCUS ON?!
And that guy doesn't fit.
BY MARLOWE

THE END

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SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

ARMIN

IDEAL WEATHER FOR AIRING OUT BIGBEE, MY MAGICAL CLOAK!
IT'S CLEARED UP TODAY...
SIGH...
SHASH
TODAY WAS A TOTAL DISASTER, WASN'T IT, BIGBEE?
LEVI SAID HE WAS GOING TO TAKE YOU AWAY FOREVER!
BUT HERE YOU ARE...
FWAFF
...SAFE AND SOUND. ANOTHER HAPPY ENDING!
THE NEXT TIME WE SEE MR. LEVI, IT'LL BE AFTER SUMMER VACATION, AND THE WEATHER WILL BE COOLER.
SO HOPEFULLY HE WON'T BE SO GRUMPY...
OH, ARMIN, ANOTHER FRIEND IS HERE!
THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE HE'S READY TO SHANK GRANDPA IN GRANDPA'S LAST GOOD KIDNEY!
SCREAM

TWENTY-FOURTH PERIOD: SUMMER FUTON RESCUE MISSION

HUH ...?
SEVERAL HOURS LATER ...
...WAS STOLEN?!
YOUR FUTON ...
MY GRANDPA CALLED ME TO THE DOOR, YELLING SOMETHING ABOUT KIDNEY-SHANKING...
Grandpa, I told you...
Huh?
...AND BY THE TIME I GOT BACK, SOME VILE FIEND HAD MADE OFF WITH MY FUTON!
Where are you, Bigbee?!
What?!
YES...
KOFFI ゴホッ

A PRE-MEDITATED FUTON FILCHING?
WHO WOULD EVEN THINK OF SUCH A THING...?
WELL...
MY FINELY-HONED ARCANE SIGHT REVELAED SOME CLUES THE CRIMINAL LEFT BEHIND...
CLUES?
BUT ARMIN... WHAT KIND OF CLUES?
AFTER MY FUTON WAS STOLEN...
MY ROOM WAS CLEANER THAN I'D EVER GOTTEN IT!!
WHAT...?!
COULD THAT MEAN...?
BASED ON CERTAIN ATTITUDES I ENCOUNTERED YESTERDAY AT SCHOOL... AND AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF CAREFUL SCRYING...
...I MANAGED TO DEDUCE...
...THAT THE BLACKGUARD IN QUESTION IS NONE OTHER THAN...
...MR. LEVI!
Oh. That's... not actually surprising at all.

S-SO I WANT YOU TO...
KOFF KOFF
ARE YOU OKAY, ARMIN?!
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING PALE THIS ENTIRE TIME...
...
KLENCH
EVER SINCE BIGBEE WAS STOLEN, MY HEALTH HAS BEEN GOING DOWNHILL...
MY FORTITUDE SAVES HAVE GOTTEN WORSE AND WORSE...
...IT'S JUST A... COUGH... MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I ROLL A CRITICAL FAILURE...
PLEASE, NOBLE HEROES... BRING BIGBEE... BACK TO ME...
PLEASE...
KAFF KAFF KAFF
DON'T TRY TO SPEAK, ARMIN!!
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT HE'S SAYING, BUT THE POINT IS, ARMIN WON'T LIVE LONG IN THIS CONDITION!!
I WANT YOU ALL...
...TO HELP ME STEAL BACK THAT BLANKET!
EREN...
KAFF
SST

EREN IS A LOUD, DUMB, RACIST EGO-MANIAC, BUT WE'LL HELP HIM ANYWAY!
...YOUR HAIR IS JUST SO DAMNED OILY, WE CAN'T STAND TO LOOK AT IT WITHOUT THAT BLANKET ON!
THANKS, EVERY-BODY!
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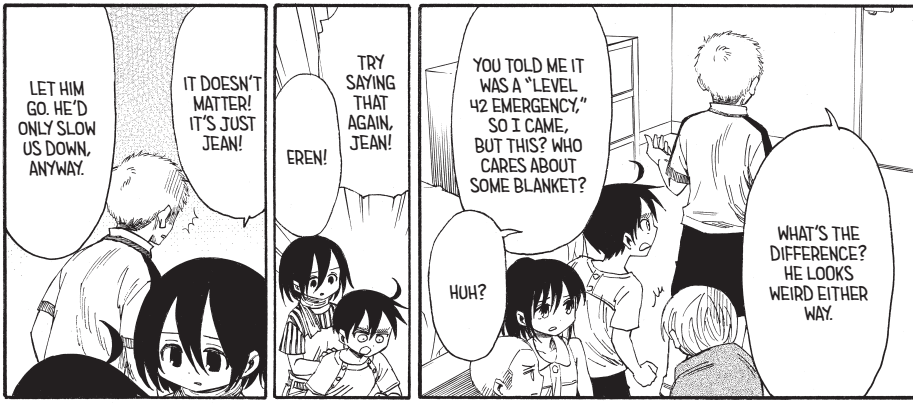
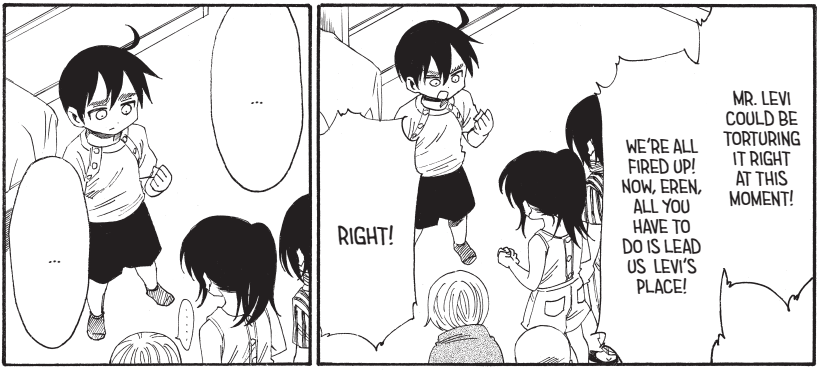
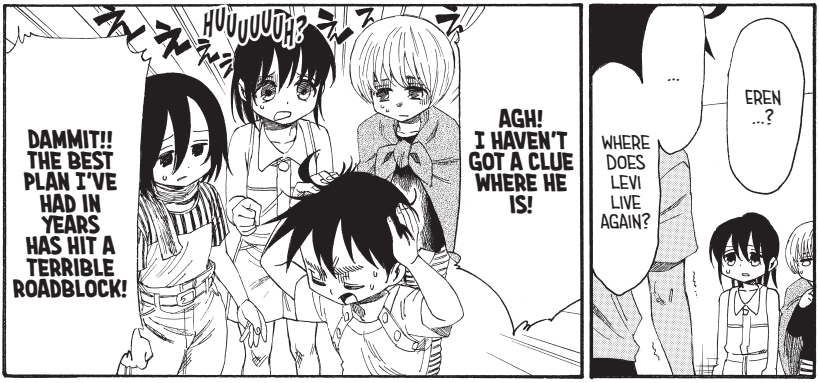

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? HE LOOKS WEIRD EITHER WAY.
HUH?
YOU TOLD ME IT WAS A "LEVEL 42 EMERGENCY," SO I CAME, BUT THIS? WHO CARES ABOUT SOME BLANKET?
EREN!
TRY SAYING THAT AGAIN, JEAN!
IT DOESN'T MATTER! IT'S JUST JEAN!
LET HIM GO. HE'D ONLY SLOW US DOWN, ANYWAY.

WHO'D SLOW YOU DOWN?
I'M FASTER THAN EREN AT GETTING BLANKETS, I'LL TELL YOU THAT!
SINCE YOU'RE TWISTING MY ARM, THEN OKAY!
THE DUD SQUAD HERE WOULD NEVER STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MR. LEVI, ANYWAY!!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S HEAD FOR MR. LEVI'S PLACE RIGHT NOW!!
WE'LL COME BACK WITH THAT BLANKET, OR ON IT!!


MR. LEVI COULD BE TORTURING IT RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT!
WE'RE ALL FIRED UP! NOW, EREN, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LEAD US LEVI'S PLACE!
RIGHT!
...
...


EREN ...?
...
WHERE DOES LEVI LIVE AGAIN?
AGH! I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE WHERE HE IS!
HUUUUUH?
DAMMIT!! THE BEST PLAN I'VE HAD IN YEARS HAS HIT A TERRIBLE ROADBLOCK!

ALL WE NEED IS SOME INTELLIGENCE ON WHERE MR. LEVI LIVES!
WAIT, I HEARD ABOUT THESE ON TV! THIS IS A KNOWN UNKNOWN!
I'm sooo sorry!
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE, EREN...
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER VACATION RIGHT NOW, SO WE CAN'T FIND HIM AT SCHOOL...
DE-FEATED! GAME OVER, MAN!
HE MIGHT KNOW MR. LEVI'S LOCATION! HE'S THE SCHOOL'S TOP TEACHER! THE SURVEY CLUB'S FACULTY ADVISOR!
I also heard him say he was a "seventy" or something
WAIT, YOU GUYS. AREN'T YOU FORGETTING A CERTAIN WELL-GROOMED TEACHER?
AND NONE OF THE REST OF US HAVE ANY CONTACT INFO FOR THE OTHER UPPER-CLASSMEN, EITHER!
INTELLIGENCE, HUH? WELL, THAT RULES OUT EREN. AND CONNIE.
Yup.
I'M TRYING TO BUILD UP DRAMATIC TENSION! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST PLAY ALONG?
INSTEAD OF MAKING IT A BIG MYSTERY, JUST COME OUT AND SAY THE NAME!
HEY, QUIT WITH THE OBSCURE HINTS! I HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

PEEP
Hello?
HELLO? THIS IS EREN YEAGER...
RINNNNNNG
RINNNNNNG
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
Can you tell me the current location of Mr. Levi...
...THIS ONE, AND ONLY ONE, QUESTION...
I'VE BEEN FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE TO ASK...
Hey, does he have the AC on full blast?
I wish I lived in an urban setting!
Oh, Eren? To what do I owe the unexpected call?
...Mr. Smith?
OH...?

AFTER WE KNOW THAT, WE CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE!
OHH! YEAH, THAT'LL DO JUST FINE!
...BUT I KNOW HIS HOME ADDRESS. WILL THAT DO?
WELL, I CAN'T BE SURE HE'S THERE RIGHT THIS MINUTE...
LEVI'S LOCATION?
Well, houses out in the country have more room.
At least my room is bigger.
Excuse me, Eren ...
Just give me a moment.
BAM BAM BOOM
HM?
VERY WELL. HERE IT IS...
BOOM
NOW, LET ME SEE, LEVI'S ADDRESS...
OH, NOTHING. JUST GIVING STUDENTS SOME ADVANCED COUNSELING.
... Sorry about that.
Let's see. Mr. Levi's address.
...WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
EEEEEEEEEK!!

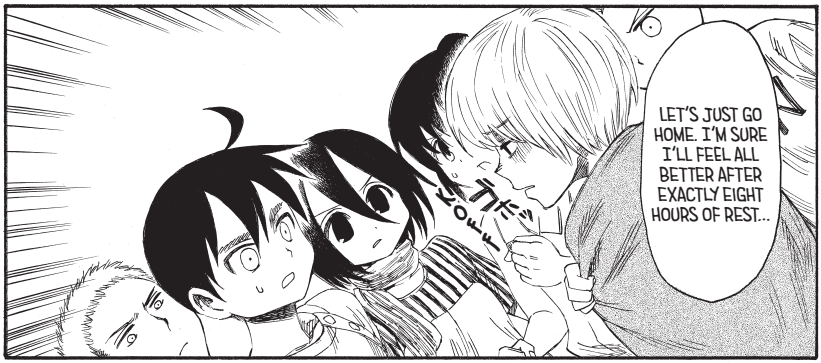
RIGHT NOW, LEVI IS...
...LIVING IN A SCHOOL DORM.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW OUR SCHOOL HAD DORMS.
AND I'D NEVER EXPECT MR. LEVI TO LIVE IN ONE OF THEM...
AH!
THERE... THAT'S BIGBEE!
AS I SUSPECTED! MR. LEVI TOOK IT!
The dice never lie.
MAYBE HE THOUGHT WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM HERE!
HE'S HANGING IT OUT THERE JUST AS IF HE'S SAYING, "COME AND TAKE IT BACK!"
I'D SAY MR. LEVI HAS MADE HIS FIRST MISTAKE—UNDERESTIMATING MY BRAIN POWER!
NOW TO FLY OFF AND UNFILCH THE FILCHED FUTON!
DASH!!!

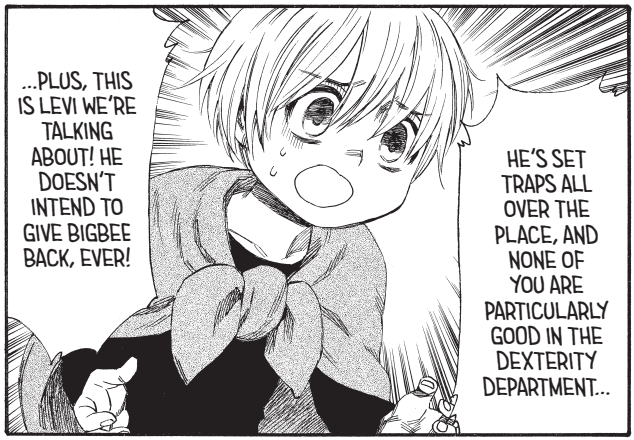
SHU!!
!!
BOOSH!!
ONE...
TWO...
GRUNCH
DASH
A PIT-FALL?
COULD THAT BE FOR...
SHIFF
HUH?
MY HEAD CUSH-IONED THE FALL...
Y-YEAH...
EREN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

WHAT IS THIS...?
SLOIDION
SLOIDI ON? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE FROM MR. LEVI...?
MAYBE HE FIGURED OUT OUR ELABORATE PLAN AND SET TRAPS FOR US...?!
GET WORD TO THE OTHERS!
!
THERE'S A SLIGHT CHANCE THAT MR. LEVI KNOWS WE'RE COMING!
MAKE SURE THEY DON'T APPROACH THE BUILDING WITHOUT EXTREME CAUTION!
HURRY, MIKASA! TELL THEM!
IF YOU DON'T DO IT QUICK, IT COULD BE TOO LATE!
ACTUAL-LY...
IT'S...
WAAH
C.N
うわあああ
You guys! I'm flying somehow!
GNAW
...ALREADY FAR TOO LATE FOR WARNINGS.
I'm being eaten! Curse you, irony!
CHEW
MASTICATE

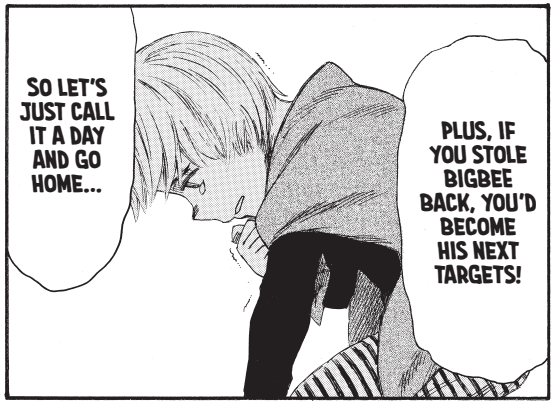
I'M SORRY YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THAT...
NO, ARMIN! IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT!
THE IDIOT WHO LEFT AN UNGUARDED FUTON OUT IS TO BLAME!
I never want to be eaten alive again!
C.N
NO, THE BLAME GOES TO THE DUMBASS WHO RUSHED IN HERE WITHOUT TAKING ANY PRECAUTIONS!
HUH?
WELL, AM I WRONG?
YOU YELL AND FLAIL, THEN RUSH IN LIKE A BRAINDEAD LEROY JENKINS AND WE ALL GET CAUGHT IN THESE STUPID TRAPS!
THAT'S NOT FAIR! I WANTED TO GET ARMIN HIS FUTON RIGHT AWAY, AND THIS IS AS SUBTLE AS I GET!
OBVIOUSLY... BUT YOU KNEW WHO YOU WERE UP AGAINST!
AN UNCULTURED LITTLE STREET RAT LIKE YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN WHAT THAT MAN IS CAPABLE OF!
THEN WHY'D YOU FALL INTO A TRAP TOO?!
I'M TOO RICH TO WATCH WHERE I'M GOING!
STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU...
KOFF
I'M SORRY, ARMIN...
I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY...
OH...

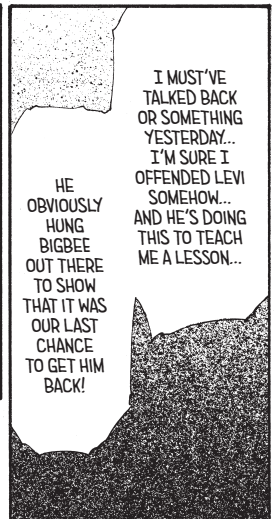
BETWEEN CONNIE'S HOOTING AND THE MAN-EATING KITTENS, I THINK WE MAY HAVE LOST THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
JUST AS I THOUGHT! THAT'S GOTTA BE MR. LEVI'S ROOM!
SOMEONE TOOK THE FUTON BACK INSIDE...
WHAT WAS THAT, EREN...?!
...BUT NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO ARGUE WITH THAT POMPOUS LITTLE FAUNTLEROY! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING!
DAMN! I CAN'T BE AROUND JEAN WITHOUT WANTING TO SOCK HIM...
LISTEN, EVERY-BODY...
OH, RIGHT...
EITHER WAY, HE'S PROBABLY SET MORE TRAPS. WE NEED A WAY AROUND THEM.
NO, THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.
...SO IF WE GOT THE ENTRANCEWAY ALL MUDDY, HE MIGHT COME DOWN JUST TO CLEAN IT UP..
WELL, WE KNOW THAT MR. LEVI IS A BIT OF A CLEAN FREAK...


LET'S JUST GO HOME. I'M SURE I'LL FEEL ALL BETTER AFTER EXACTLY EIGHT HOURS OF REST...


...PLUS, THIS IS LEVI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT! HE DOESN'T INTEND TO GIVE BIGBEE BACK, EVER!
HE'S SET TRAPS ALL OVER THE PLACE, AND NONE OF YOU ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD IN THE DEXTERITY DEPARTMENT...

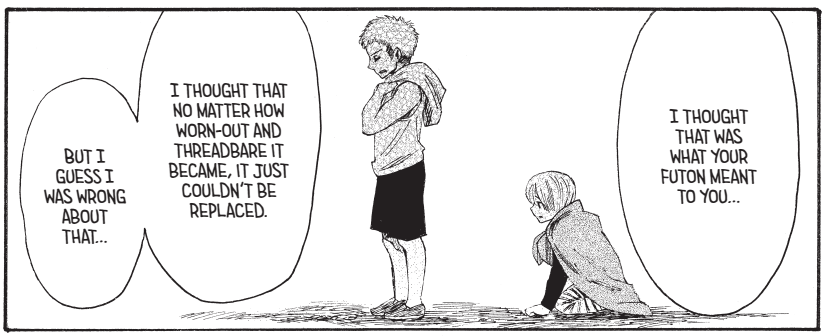
WE'VE COME THIS FAR! TO NOT GO ON WOULD DISHONOR THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ARMIN?
WHAT FALLEN ...?


SO LET'S JUST CALL IT A DAY AND GO HOME...
PLUS, IF YOU STOLE BIGBEE BACK, YOU'D BECOME HIS NEXT TARGETS!


I MUST'VE TALKED BACK OR SOMETHING YESTERDAY... I'M SURE I OFFENDED LEVI SOMEHOW... AND HE'S DOING THIS TO TEACH ME A LESSON...
HE OBVIOUSLY HUNG BIGBEE OUT THERE TO SHOW THAT IT WAS OUR LAST CHANCE TO GET HIM BACK!

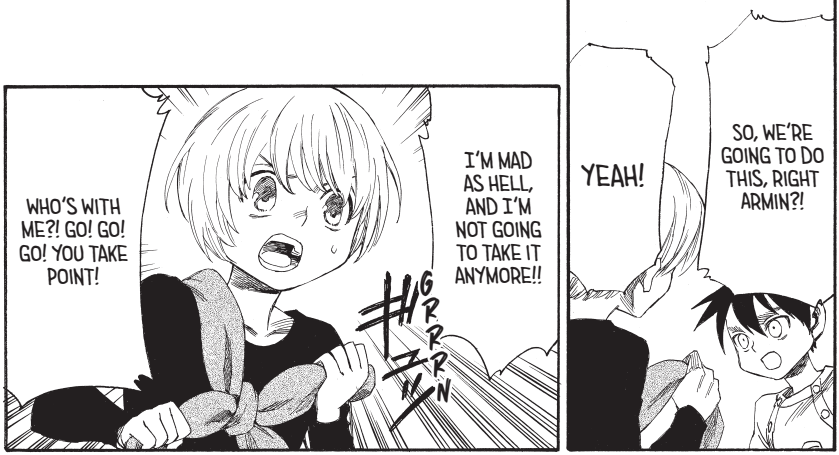
GOT IT!
HOME IT IS.
I CAN ALWAYS ROLL ANOTHER FUTON...
AW, ARMIN...
BESIDES...
I THINK I HAD IT FIGURED ALL WRONG.
URGE TO SOCK... RISING...
I HAVEN'T EVEN WORN MY PLEATED SHORTS AND POLO SHIRT TO THE BEACH YET!
BUT I'M NOT WASTING MY WHOLE SUMMER ON THIS!
HEY, YOU CAN STAY IF YOU WANT. I'M NOT STOPPING YOU.
JEAN! HEY, WAIT!
I'VE GOT LOTS OF THINGS THAT I'VE USED UNTIL THEY FALL APART... (OR I GET BORED OF THEM...)
BUT WHEN I FIND SOMETHING I LIKE, WHETHER IT'S A PAIR OF SUEDE DRIVING SHOES, A SWISS LACQUERED FOUNTAIN PEN, OR A BOOK-BAG MADE FROM METALLIC SILVER-GRAINED DEERSIN, I JUST USE IT ALL THE TIME.
I'M NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO LIKES BEING BURDENED BY MATERIAL GOODS. I'M JUST LIKE BUDDHA!

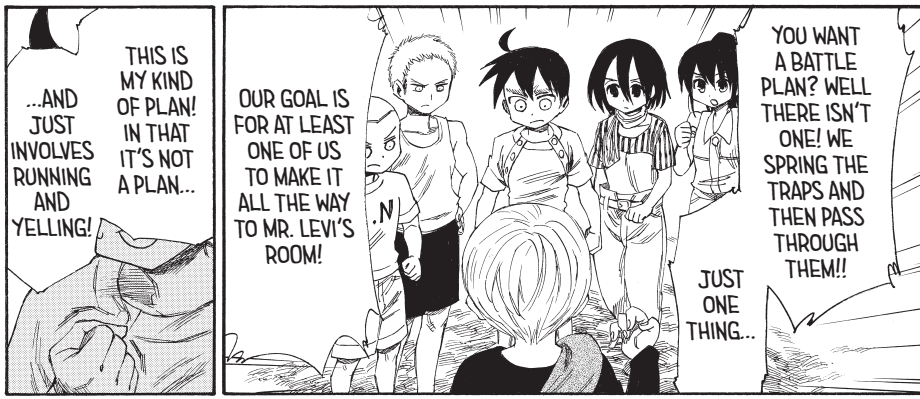
BUT...
...EVEN AFTER THEY'RE IN PIECES ON THE FLOOR OF MY ROOM, OR BURIED DEEP IN THE CLOSET, I STILL CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO THROW THEM AWAY...
BECAUSE I LOVED THEM SO MUCH...
And because my dad will just buy me more.


I THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT YOUR FUTON MEANT TO YOU...
I THOUGHT THAT NO MATTER HOW WORN-OUT AND THREADBARE IT BECAME, IT JUST COULDN'T BE REPLACED.
BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG ABOUT THAT...

JEAN ...
YES, I KNOW, I JUST EXPECT TOO MUCH OF PEOPLE.
IF IT'S JUST AN OLD FUTON TO YOU, LET IT GO. YOU CAN ALWAYS GET ANOTHER.
WAIT A SECOND!

ARMIN ...!!
I'M... SORRY...
I WAS BEING A FOOL...
HEH
I WILL GET BIGBEE BACK, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
I DON'T CARE HOW TATTERED AND TORN IT MAY GET...
AND MR. LEVI... I'M NOT AFRAID OF HIM!
HE HAS MY PINK KITTY BLANKET!!
THANK YOU, JEAN!
YOU'VE MADE ME SEE HOW WRONG I WAS...
KOFF KOFF
NO, I JUST DON'T CARE.
And don't cough on me!
I-I'LL DO IT THIS TIME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WASTED ALL THAT BREATH ON YOU PEOPLE.
MAYBE THAT JERK JEAN...
...DOES SAY SOMETHING DECENT EVERY NOW AND THEN!

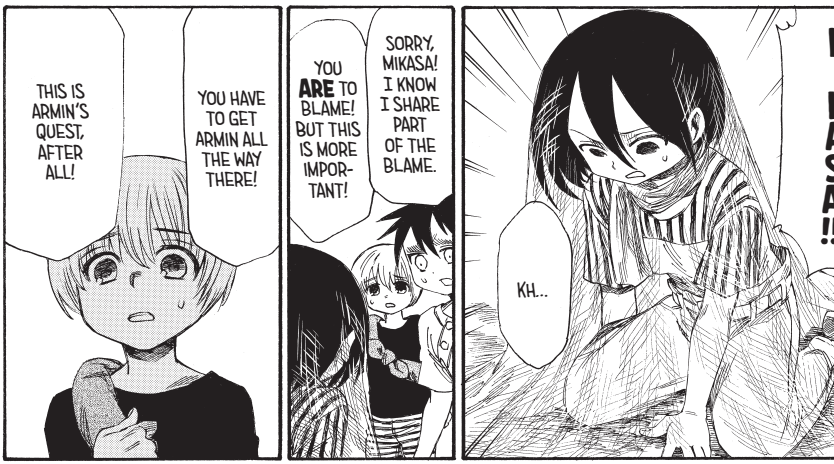

SO, WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, RIGHT ARMIN?!
YEAH!
I'M MAD AS HELL, AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
#GRRRN
WHO'S WITH ME?! GO! GO! GO! YOU TAKE POINT!

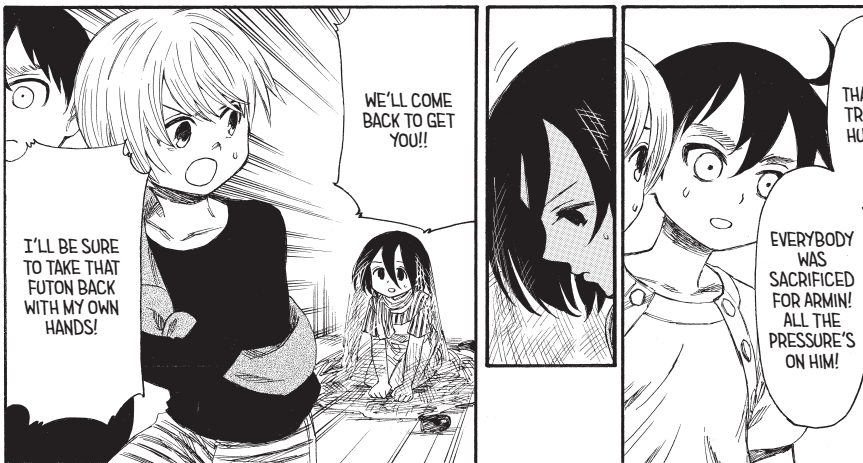

YOU WANT A BATTLE PLAN? WELL THERE ISN'T ONE! WE SPRING THE TRAPS AND THEN PASS THROUGH THEM!!
JUST ONE THING...
OUR GOAL IS FOR AT LEAST ONE OF US TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO MR. LEVI'S ROOM!
THIS IS MY KIND OF PLAN! IN THAT IT'S NOT A PLAN...
...AND JUST INVOLVES RUNNING AND YELLING!

NOW, RECOVER THE COVERS !!
DASH!

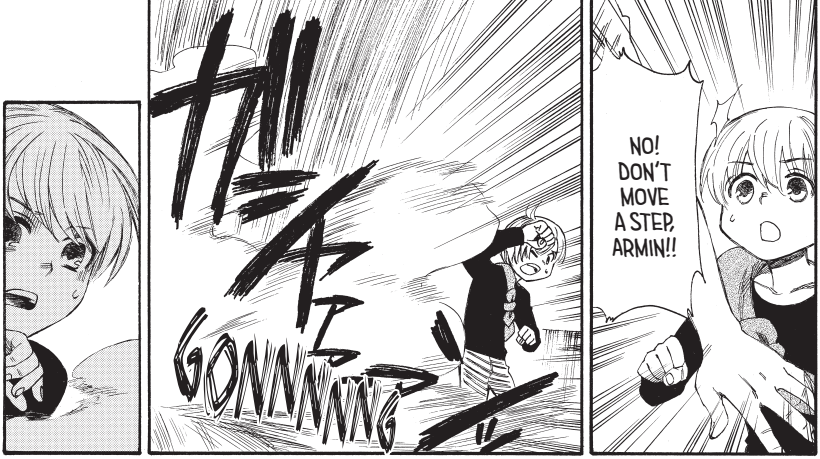
I'M SURE NOTHING WILL EAT ME WHILE YOU'RE GONE!
D-DON'T MIND ME! JUST KEEP GOING!!
YAAAAH!!
SASHA!!
IRIP
JEAN!!
GRUUUNNCH
KH... TENTACLES... WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...
CONNIE!!
AAAH! IS THIS BANANA PUDDING?
JUST ONE MORE FLOOR BEFORE WE'RE AT LEVI'S PLACE!
BUT HERE WE ARE ON THE 4TH FLOOR!
WELL, MR. LEVI IS CLEVER. CLEVER AND SADISTIC. ALSO, HE APPARENTLY HAS A PET OCTOPUS.
THESE TRAPS SEEM UNNECESSARILY WEIRD...

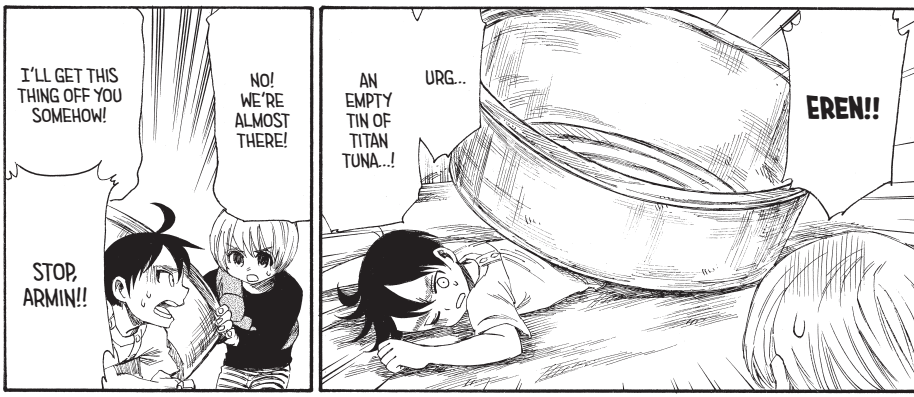
BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET! BE AS CAREFUL AS I AM, OKAY?
!!
EREN, YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT CAUTION!!
BOOM
WHUD
HUH?!

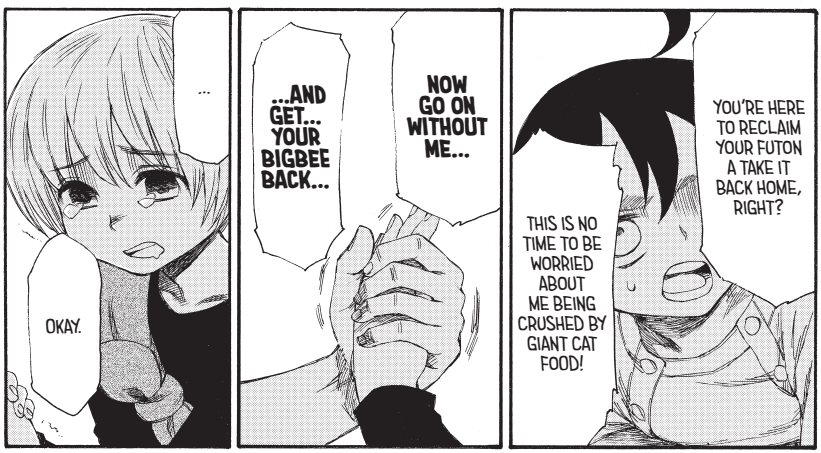

MIKASA!!
KH...
SORRY, MIKASA! I KNOW I SHARE PART OF THE BLAME.
YOU **ARE** TO BLAME! BUT THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT!
YOU HAVE TO GET ARMIN ALL THE WAY THERE!
THIS IS ARMIN'S QUEST, AFTER ALL!

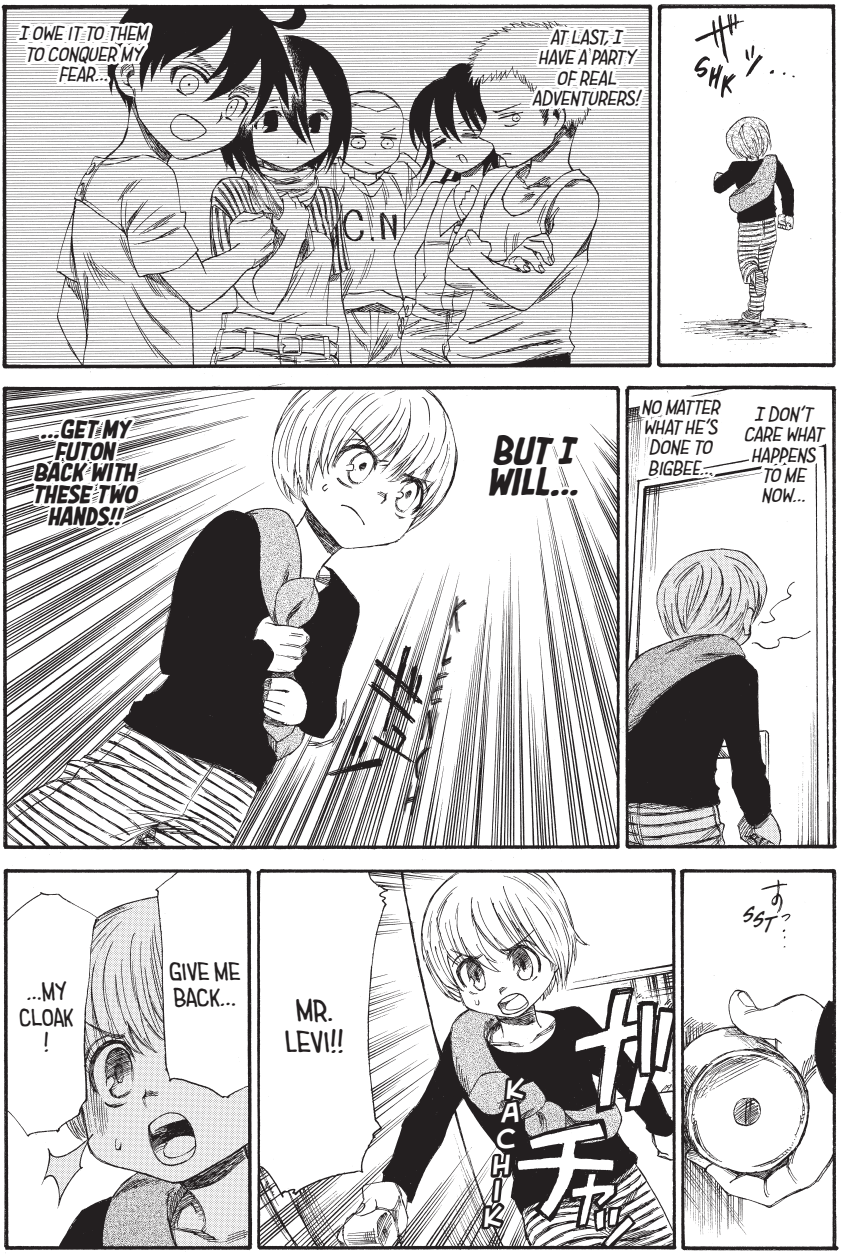

THAT'S TRUE, HUH?
EVERYBODY WAS SACRIFICED FOR ARMIN! ALL THE PRESSURE'S ON HIM!
WE'LL COME BACK TO GET YOU!!
I'LL BE SURE TO TAKE THAT FUTON BACK WITH MY OWN HANDS!

SHK
HH
FINALLY, THE FIFTH FLOOR!
UM...
WHICH ROOM IS MR. LEVI'S...?
IT'S PROBABLY THAT ONE...
NOTICE THE BROOM AND DUSTPAN OUTSIDE, AND THE UNNATURAL TIDINESS OF THE ENTRANCE AND SURROUNDING AREAS.
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT!
WE'VE FINALLY... FINALLY MADE IT!!


NO! DON'T MOVE A STEP, ARMIN!!
GONNNNG!!


I'LL GET THIS THING OFF YOU SOMEHOW!
NO! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
STOP, ARMIN!!
AN EMPTY TIN OF TITAN TUNA...!
URG...
EREN!!


...
OKAY.
...AND GET... YOUR BIGBEE BACK...
NOW GO ON WITHOUT ME...
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ME BEING CRUSHED BY GIANT CAT FOOD!
YOU'RE HERE TO RECLAIM YOUR FUTON A TAKE IT BACK HOME, RIGHT?


I OWE IT TO THEM TO CONQUER MY FEAR...
AT LAST, I HAVE A PARTY OF REAL ADVENTURERS!
SHK
...GET MY FUTON BACK WITH THESE TWO HANDS!!
BUT I WILL...
NO MATTER WHAT HE'S DONE TO BIGBEE...
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME NOW...
...MY CLOAK!
GIVE ME BACK...
MR. LEVI!!
KACHIK
SST?

HUH?
つ ZWIPP
UM...
...
ZWIPP
I KNEW YOU PEOPLE WERE HERE...
...BUT YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST RANG THE DOORBELL, FOR PITY'S SAKE!

TH-TH-TH-TH-TH-THAT IS MY BLANKIE!!
AND I WANT IT BACK RIGHT NOW!!
KAFF
KAFF
ゲホオッ
ゴホッ
MY FRIENDS HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES SORT OF TO GET ME HERE, AND NOW—
I THINK YOU CAUGHT A COLD.
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY EVERYONE GIVING THEIR LIVES?
DON'T PRETEND LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW!!
WHEEZE
ゼエゼエ
PANT
WHEEZE
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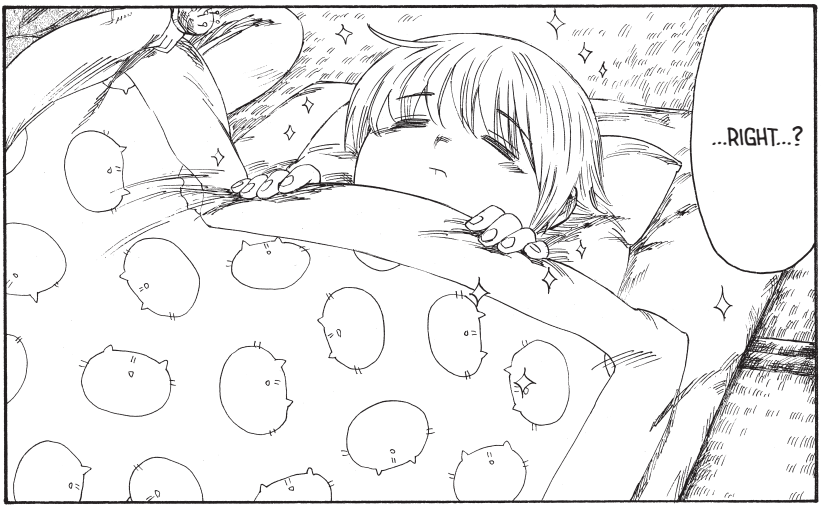
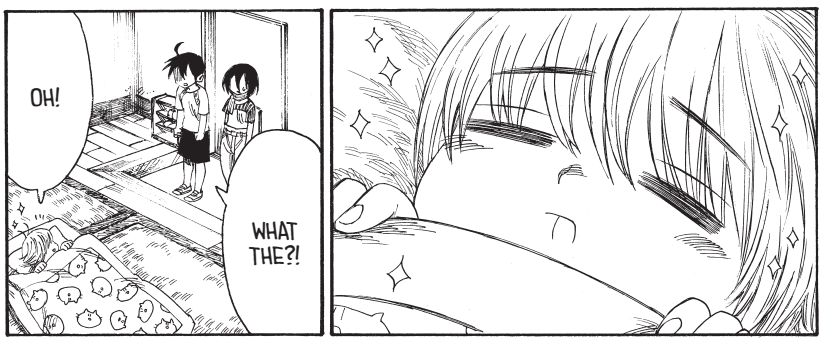
PANT
NOT AFTER YOU SET ALL THOSE TRAPS!!
HUH?
ZWIPP
キュッ
NEVER HEARD OF 'EM.
YOU'RE WORSE THAN A DROW!!
ガッ
RRRIP
ANYWAY, GIVE ME MY FUTON BACK!!

YOU FUTON-WEARING DOLT!!
YOU FIX THAT RIGHT NOW!!
AA...
HEY!
THUMP
あ
I HAD A FLASHBACK AND REALIZED I HAD TO FIGHT TO LIVE, SO I TORE THE NET MYSELF.
HOW'D YOU GET OUT OF YOUR TRAP...
IS THAT RIGHT?
WHONG
M-MIKASA ...
THAT SCREAM... COULD IT HAVE BEEN...
OH, EREN!!

BUT THAT GIRLISH SHRIEK...
YEAH... ARMIN!
DAMN IT!! I KNEW ARMIN COULDN'T HANDLE IT ALONE!
MR. LEVI MUST'VE ...!!
ARMIN !!
BAM!!
ARE YOU ALL...


...RIGHT...?


OH!
WHAT THE?!

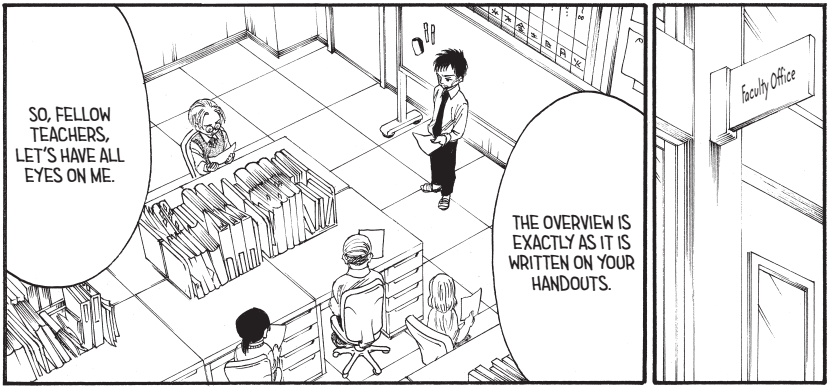
HE'S LETTING ME STAY UNDER BIGBEE WHILE HE FIXES HIM.
ZWIPP
HE SAID I CAUGHT A COLD, AND I SHOULD JUST LAY HERE QUIETLY.
SO YOU BOTH CAME OUT ALL RIGHT?!
Y-YEAH ...
OKAY! LISTEN TO WHAT HAPPENED ...
B-BUT, MR. LEVI...
WHAT DID YOU TAKE THE FUTON FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE?
CAN'T YOU KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY FOR HALF A DAY?
FOR PETE'S SAKE! WHO CATCHES A COLD JUST BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE HIS BLANKET?
OH, SORRY!
HEY! YOU'RE SICK! BE QUIET!
HUH?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU TRY USING THEM?
YOU CLEARLY HAVE EYES.

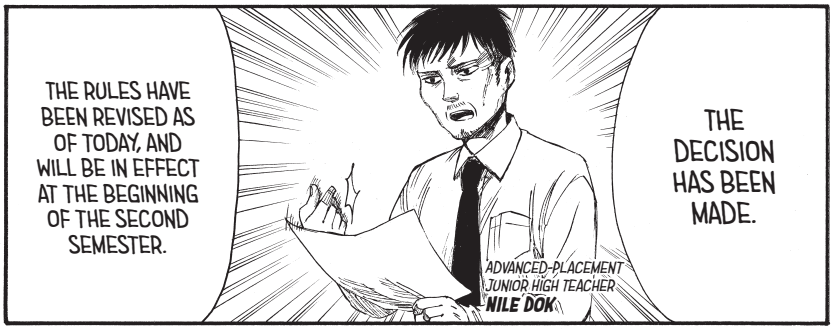
IF HE HAD JUST HANDED IT OVER LIKE I TOLD HIM TO, I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE!
Sorry...
SO, EREN, AS IT TURNS OUT...
PTA DAH
YOU CAN SEE THE RIP IN THE FUTON THAT I'M SEWING UP, RIGHT?
WHAT MORE EXPLANATION DO YOU NEED?
YOU...
A-ARMIN.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU ALL WORRY ABOUT ME!
MR. LEVI IS SUCH A NICE GUY!
IT TURNED OUT HANGE LIVED IN THE ROOM NEXT TO LEVI'S.
IT LOOKS LIKE A PERFECT SPECIMEN OF THE WILD SASHA!!
MEAN-WHILE ...
OH! I THINK I CAUGHT SOMETHING IN MY TRAP!
AND THUS ENDED ARMIN'S BIG ADVENTURE.
YOU'RE SO LUCKY THAT YOUR FUTON WAS OKAY!

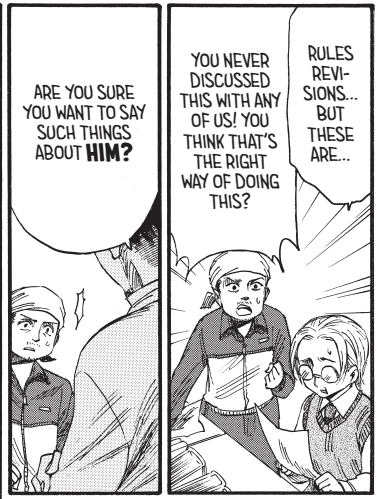
POVERTY!

ANNOYING MR. CLEAN VS. TRASH

TWENTY-FIFTH PERIOD: NO MORE LAZING AROUND IN SCHOOL







FIRST DAY OF THE 2ND SEMESTER...
CHATTER
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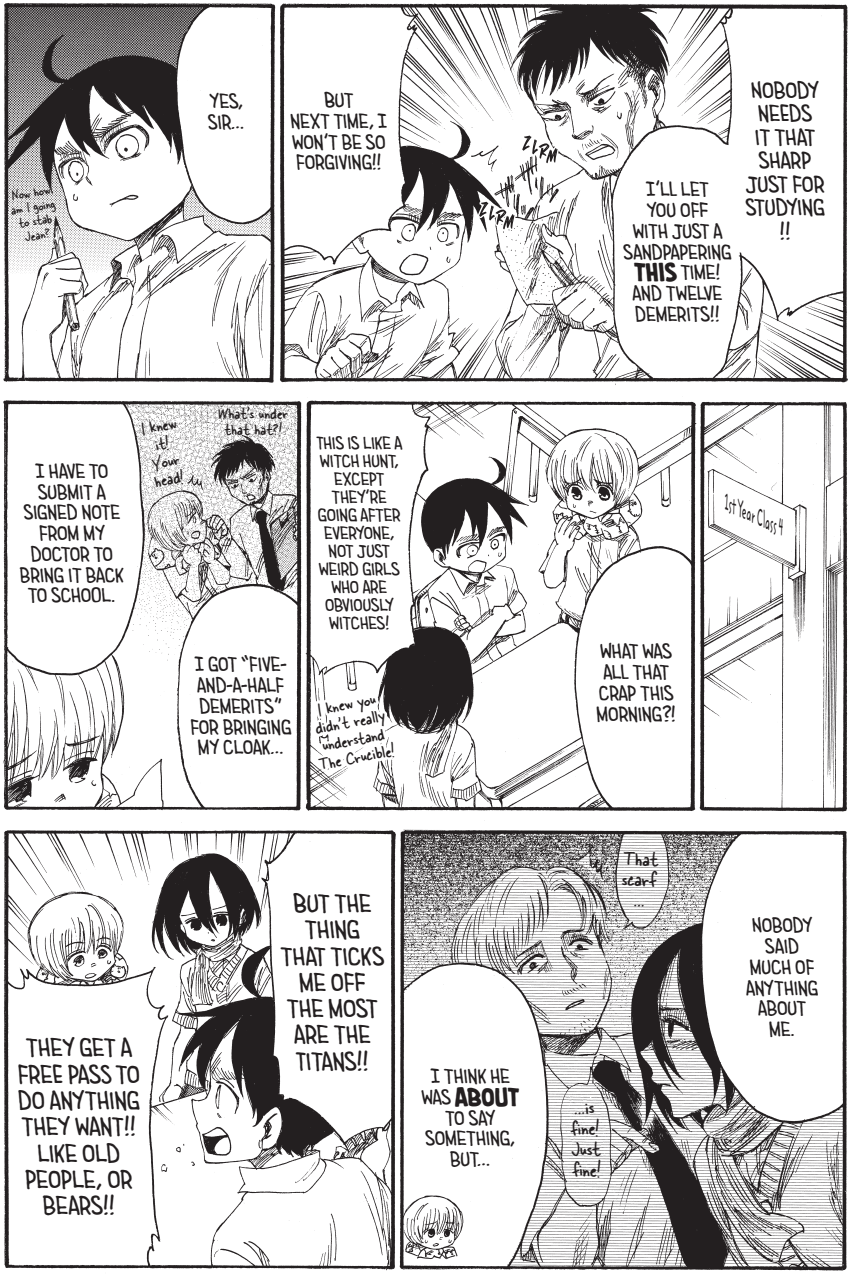
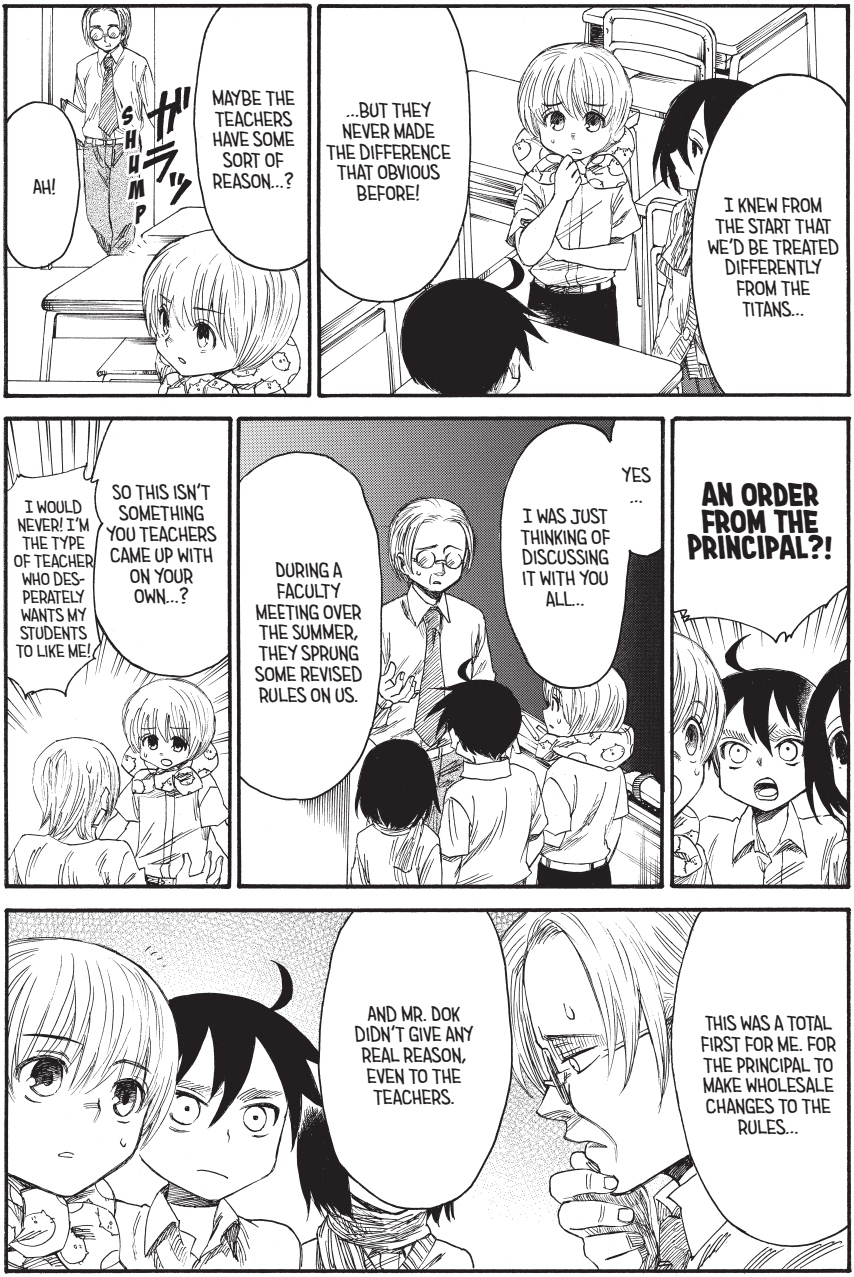
UNIFORM CHECK
OKAY, NEXT!
YOU'RE IN JR. HIGH! WHAT'S WITH THE BEARD?!
THAT ISN'T A SCHOOL UNIFORM! WHERE IS IT?!
I WAS DOING AN EXPERIMENT, AND IT KINDA WENT UP IN FLAMES...
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
Right, next!

WE'RE GETTING A CLOTHING CHECK STARTING ON THE VERY FIRST DAY OF SECOND SEMESTER?
I've got a bad feeling about this.
THIS IS SUCH A PAIN... AT LEAST THEY COULD HAVE TOLD US ABOUT THIS!
THEY'RE DOING A CHECK ON THE TITANS OVER THERE, TOO?
NO PROBLEM.
SLURCH
SLURCH
STRUGGLE
KEEP IT REAL, BUDDY.
HEY, THERE HE IS! HAHA, ALL RIGHT.
BOY BOY BOY
World's Sauciest Mangs
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
YAWWN! OKAY, NEXT!
HEY... LOOK AT ALL THE STUFF THEY'RE LETTING THROUGH!
I'D **NEVER** BE ABLE TO SLIP PAST A TEACHER WITH CONNIE STUCK IN MY MOUTH!

HUH? AREN'T YOU JUST SUPPOSED TO BE CHECKING UNIFORMS?
SHOW ME WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG!
STAAAARE
AH!
RIGHT, NEXT!
WELL, WELL!
LOOK AT THIS...
ESPE-CIALLY NOT CHEESE MADE FROM CAT MILK!
WAIT! HEY!! I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WEIRD!
WOOSH!!
DON'T TALK BACK TO ME!! TWO DE-MERITS!!
I WAS ONLY GOING TO USE IT FOR STUDYING!
HOW DARE YOU BRING A DEADLY WEAPON TO SCHOOL? YOU KNOW WE HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY!
?!
THIS PENCIL LOOKS WAY TOO SHARP TO ME!!


YES, SIR...
Now how am I going to stab Jean?
BUT NEXT TIME, I WON'T BE SO FORGIVING!!
ZLRM
ZLRM
I'LL LET YOU OFF WITH JUST A SANDPAPERING THIS TIME! AND TWELVE DEMERITS!!
NOBODY NEEDS IT THAT SHARP JUST FOR STUDYING !!
I HAVE TO SUBMIT A SIGNED NOTE FROM MY DOCTOR TO BRING IT BACK TO SCHOOL.
I knew it! Your head is...
What's under that hat?!
I GOT "FIVE-AND-A-HALF DEMERITS" FOR BRINGING MY CLOAK...
THIS IS LIKE A WITCH HUNT, EXCEPT THEY'RE GOING AFTER EVERYONE, NOT JUST WEIRD GIRLS WHO ARE OBVIOUSLY WITCHES!
I knew you didn't really understand The Crucible!
WHAT WAS ALL THAT CRAP THIS MORNING?!
1st Year Class 4
BUT THE THING THAT TICKS ME OFF THE MOST ARE THE TITANS!!
THEY GET A FREE PASS TO DO ANYTHING THEY WANT!! LIKE OLD PEOPLE, OR BEARS!!
That scarf...
...is fine! Just fine!
I THINK HE WAS ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING, BUT...
NOBODY SAID MUCH OF ANYTHING ABOUT ME.


AH!
SHUMP
ガラッ
MAYBE THE TEACHERS HAVE SOME SORT OF REASON...?
...BUT THEY NEVER MADE THE DIFFERENCE THAT OBVIOUS BEFORE!
I KNEW FROM THE START THAT WE'D BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE TITANS...
I WOULD NEVER! I'M THE TYPE OF TEACHER WHO DESPERATELY WANTS MY STUDENTS TO LIKE ME!
SO THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU TEACHERS CAME UP WITH ON YOUR OWN...?
DURING A FACULTY MEETING OVER THE SUMMER, THEY SPRUNG SOME REVISED RULES ON US.
YES ...
I WAS JUST THINKING OF DISCUSSING IT WITH YOU ALL...
AN ORDER FROM THE PRINCIPAL?!
AND MR. DOK DIDN'T GIVE ANY REAL REASON, EVEN TO THE TEACHERS.
THIS WAS A TOTAL FIRST FOR ME. FOR THE PRINCIPAL TO MAKE WHOLESALE CHANGES TO THE RULES...

I ASKED THE KIDS FROM THE OTHER CLASSES...
...AND IT WAS DEFINITELY THIS MR. DOK.
HE'S THE ONE WHO DID THE CHECKS ON US. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
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DINNG DONNG DINNG
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
BUT IF ANYBODY KNOWS THE REASONS BEHIND IT, IT'S HIM.
I'D BET MY LIFE THAT HE HAS TIES TO THE TITANS!
HIM, HUH?
THE GUY HAS A LOOK THAT COULD CURDLE MILK!
I KNOW! WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES, WE'LL GO TALK TO HIM!!
RIGHT!
I DON'T MIND CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL RULES...
...BUT TREATING TITANS AND US SO DIFFERENTLY...
ズッシーン
BOOM
ズッシーン
BOOM
WELL I DON'T THINK I CAN ACCEPT THE WAY THINGS ARE!

LET'S HAVE A GOOD CLUB DAY TODAY...
WE'LL DO OUR BEST...
OKAY, YOU ALL...
ACTUALLY... I'VE GOT BAD NEWS THAT I HAVE TO PASS ON TO YOU ALL...
HUH...?
WELL...
...
MS. RICO, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE...
YOU SHOULD HIT CONNIE. THAT ALWAYS MAKES MIKASA FEEL BETTER...
STARTING TODAY, THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB...
...IS FORBIDDEN FROM USING OUR VERTICAL MANEUVERING DEVICES!!

I ASKED FOR THE REASON BEHIND IT...
I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR IT MYSELF...
THAT'LL MAKE US A BEAUTIFICATION CLUB WITH NOTHING TO BEAUTIFY!!
WAIT! DOESN'T THAT MEAN WE CAN'T BEAUTIFY THE WALLS ANYMORE?!
YES...
...SO THEY WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR PRACTICE SPACE TO THE TITANS.
SOME OTHER CLUBS HAD THEIR PRACTICE GROUNDS TOO CLOSE TO THE TITANS' AREAS...
...THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING DEVICES ARE DANGEROUS TO THE TITANS, SO THEY'RE BANNED.
AND IN A NUTSHELL ...
BUT...
I... RAISED MY OBJECTIONS THAT VERY MINUTE...
ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO FIGHT AGAINST THIS?!
WE'VE BEEN DOING IT THIS WAY ALL THIS TIME WITHOUT A PROBLEM, RIGHT?!
WHAT DO THEY MEAN, DOING THAT?!

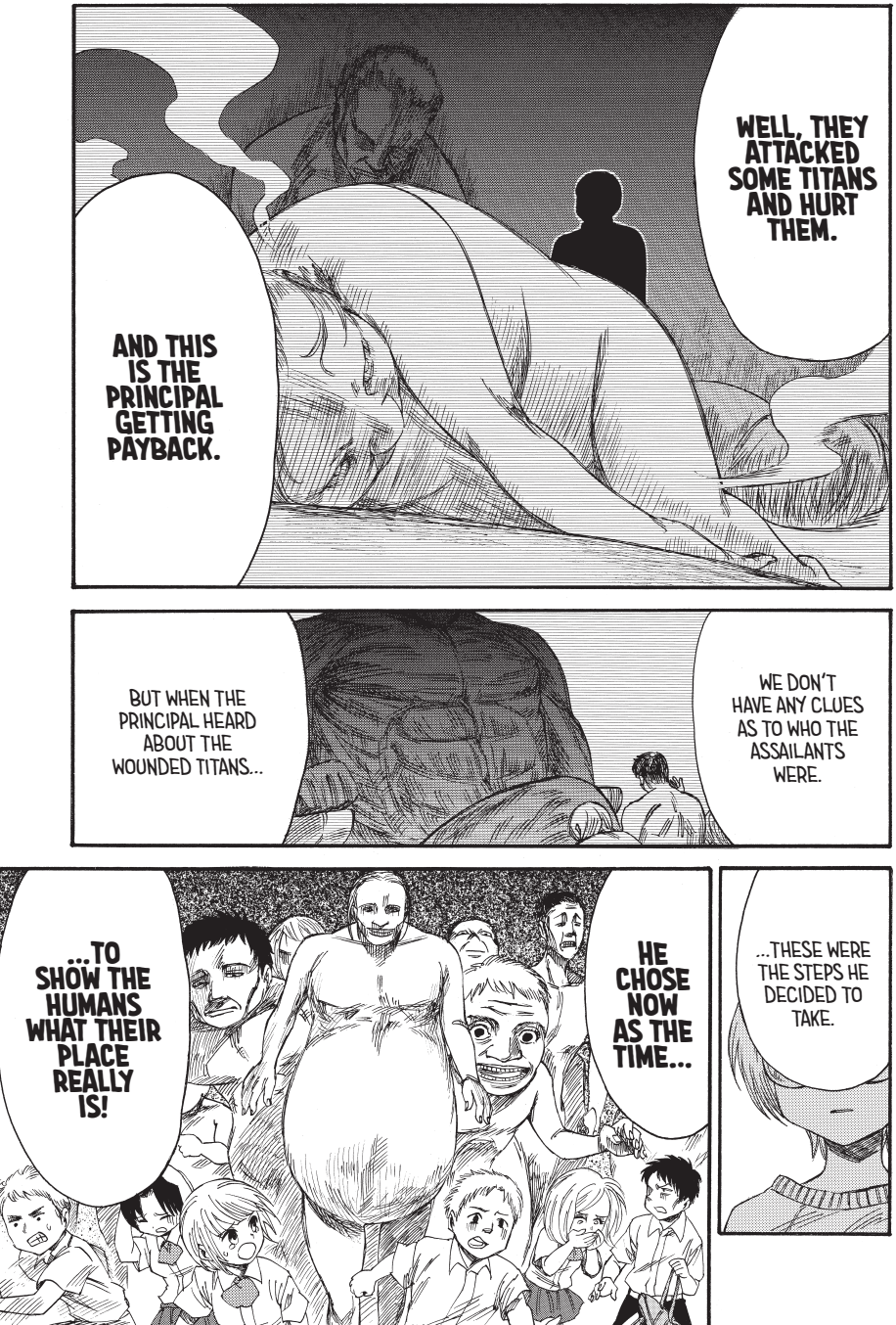
THERE ARE... PENALTIES TO THE CLUB WHEN YOU TRY TO PROTEST...
THE OTHER CLUBS HAVE GONE ALONG WITH IT, SO HE SAID WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
THEY NEVER INTENDED TO LISTEN TO THE STUDENTS' OPINIONS ON THIS FROM THE START?
NO...
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, WE JUST HAVE TO FALL IN LINE.
I'M SORRY, YOU GUYS...
MS. RICO! NO!
AND SINCE WE CAN'T CLEAN THE WALLS, WE'RE FORBIDDEN FROM USING THESE BRUSHES, TOO.
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY WE'LL EVER SEE THEM!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME WITH THE CLUB...
LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS AND WASH THE SCHOOL WINDOWS, OKAY?
Urk! I mean, sounds fun...
WE'LL USE THE BEAUTIFICATION TECHNIQUES WE LEARNED AND REALLY MAKE THOSE WINDOWS SHINE!
SHF...

I'M SORRY, IT'S JUST... THIS IS WHERE WE ALWAYS USED TO MEET!
WE'LL BE MOVING INTO THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS NOW.
AH! MR. DOK!!
YOU'RE THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB?
YOU CAN'T BEAUTIFY THE WALLS ANYMORE, SO WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I THINK NOT.
I'VE BEEN DOING A BIT OF INVESTIGATING INTO THE USE OF FORBIDDEN OBJECTS.
AND SINCE I WAS HERE ALREADY, I THOUGHT I'D CHECK THIS PLACE.
HEY, YOU!!
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING ?!
LOTS OF FORBIDDEN OBJECTS HERE.
VERTICAL MANEUVERING DEVICES, WALL DETERGENT...

WELL, YOUR EXCUSES DON'T MATTER.
A "HABIT," YOU SAY?
I'M SORRY! CARRYING IT HAS BECOME A HABIT...
THAT... THAT'S ONE OF THE FORBIDDEN BRUSHES!
WHOOSH
BY THE AUTHORITY ARBITRARILY VESTED IN ME...
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU...
IF I DON'T STAMP OUT VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCE DISCIPLINE HERE, IT'LL BE CHAOS. PEOPLE WILL BE MARRYING DUCKS.
IT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A "BIG WHOOP" TO YOU, BUT IT'S A DEFINITE BREACH OF SCHOOL RULES.
...A ONE-MONTH SUSPENSION! YOU SHALL DO NO CLUB ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME!
I HEREBY SENTENCE THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB TO...

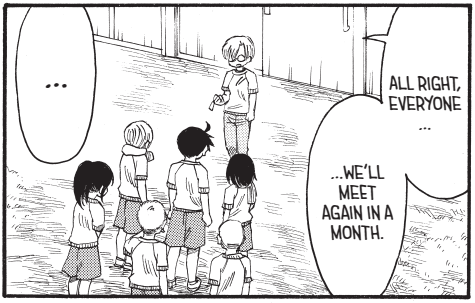
H...
HUH?
HOLD ON JUST A SECOND!! I DON'T CARE WHAT RULES WERE BROKEN!!
I BROKE THE RULES! WHY DON'T YOU JUST SUSPEND ME AND LEAVE THE CLUB ALONE?!
THAT'S TAKING THE PUNISHMENT TOO FAR!!
PERSONALLY, THAT'S FINE WITH ME...
...BUT IT WOULDN'T ENFORCE PROPER DISCIPLINE!
Won't you think of the ducks?
WHY ARE YOU MAKING THINGS SO HARD ON THE STUDENTS?!
WHY ARE THE RULES BEING CHANGED IN THE FIRST PLACE...?!
WH...
WHAT'S THIS ALL FOR...?

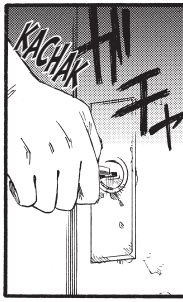
...
HEH!
...WANT FROM US BY DOING ALL THESE THINGS?!
WHAT DOES THE PRINCIPAL ...
WE DON'T THINK THIS IS ANYTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT!
YOU FIND THIS FUNNY ?!
HEY!
?!
THERE'S A SMALL GROUP THAT'S ESPECIALLY AGGRESSIVE AGAINST THE TITANS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE JUST COLLATERAL DAMAGE.
LOOK, I'LL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU.
UNLIKE CERTAIN TEACHERS!
WELL, WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR WORK!
I JUST FIND IT FUNNY...
...THAT YOU KIDS ENJOY BEING JANITORS SO MUCH.
No one but President Newt thought that'd actually work.


WELL, THEY ATTACKED SOME TITANS AND HURT THEM.
AND THIS IS THE PRINCIPAL GETTING PAYBACK.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY CLUES AS TO WHO THE ASSAILANTS WERE.
BUT WHEN THE PRINCIPAL HEARD ABOUT THE WOUNDED TITANS...
...THESE WERE THE STEPS HE DECIDED TO TAKE.
HE CHOSE NOW AS THE TIME...
...TO SHOW THE HUMANS WHAT THEIR PLACE REALLY IS!

IT'S TOO BAD, ACTUALLY.
JUST A TINY GROUP DID ALL THIS.
YOU GUYS ARE JUST THE FIRST TO BE SACRIFICED...
...TO THE NEW NORMAL OF TITAN JUNIOR HIGH!

I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS!
WHERE'S MY "YES, MA'AM" ?!


...
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE ...
...WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN A MONTH.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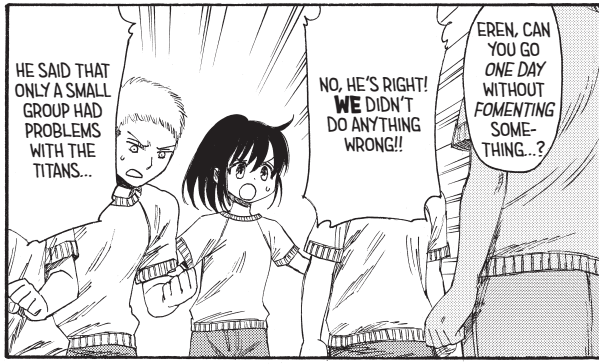
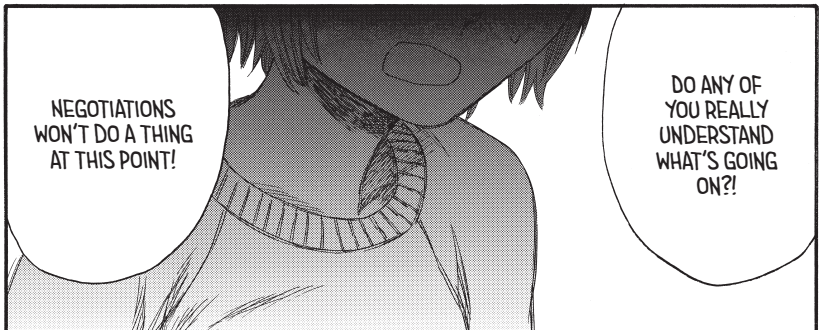
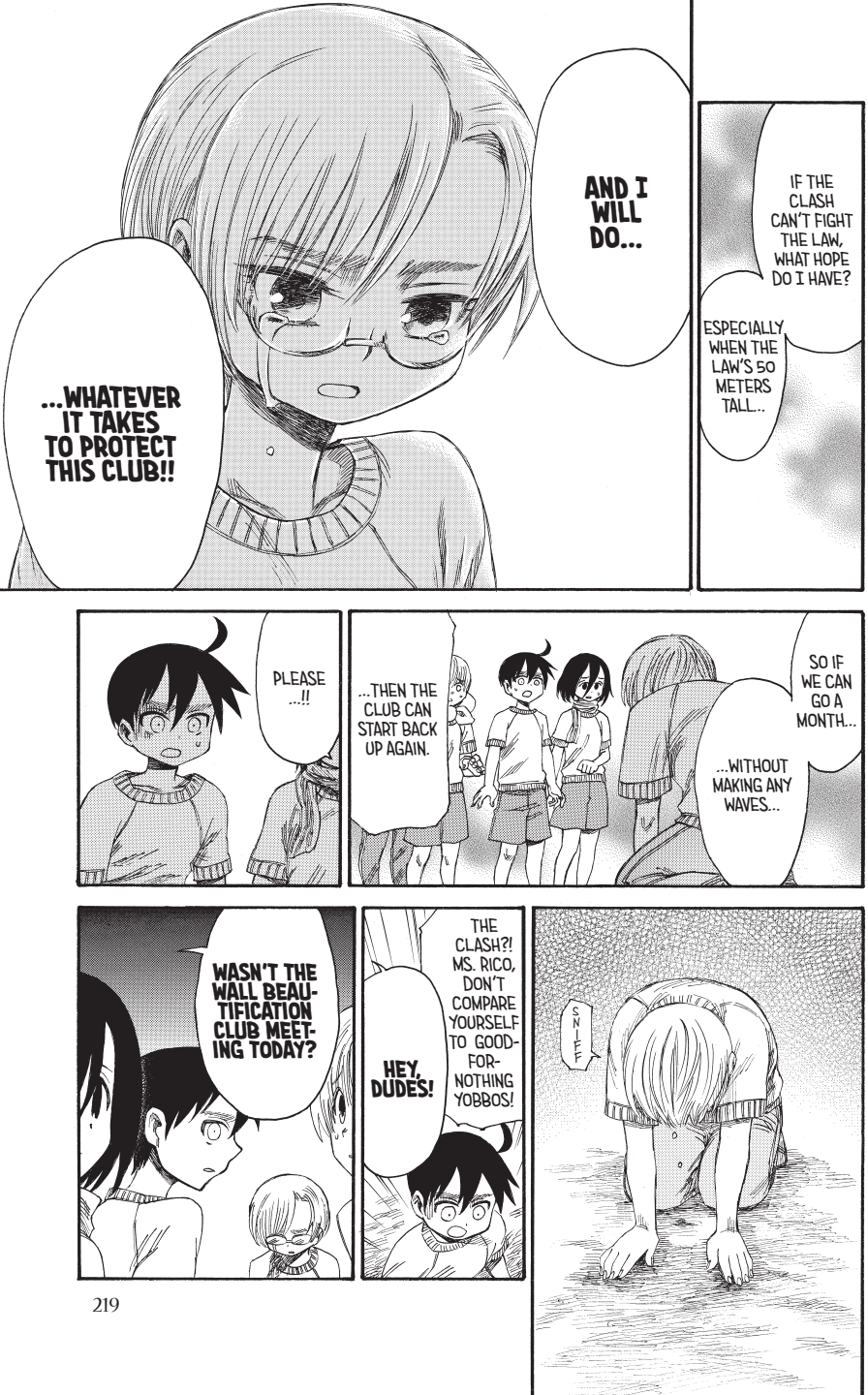
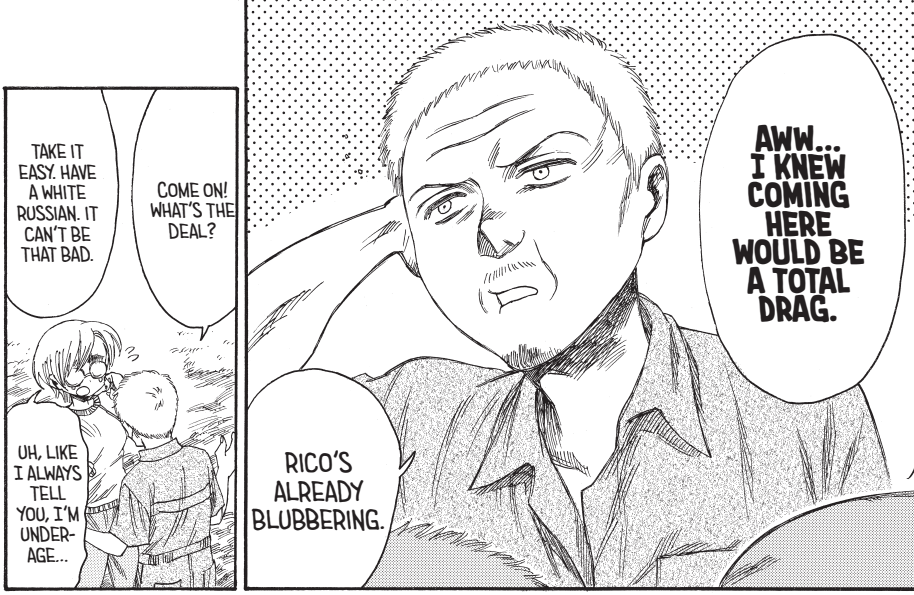
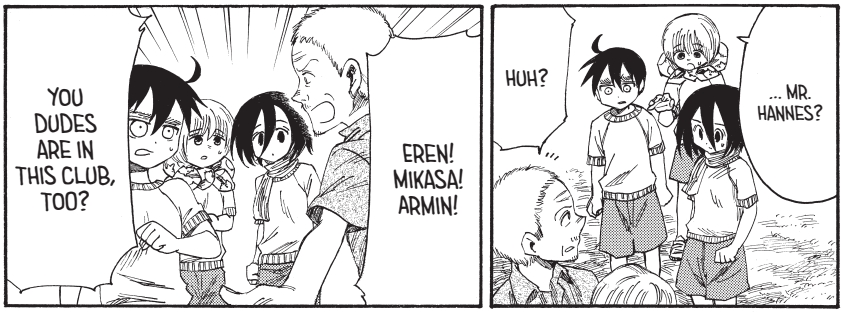
STOP IT!!
IF WE TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTLY...

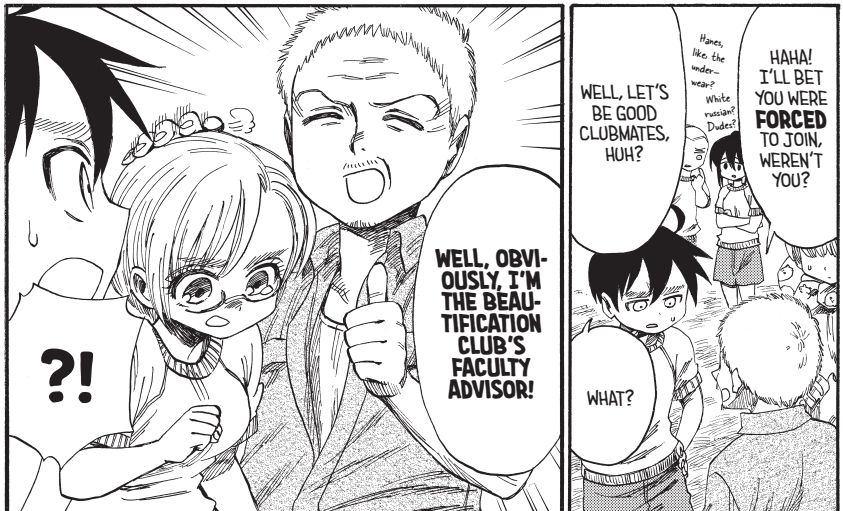

HE SAID THAT ONLY A SMALL GROUP HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE TITANS...
NO, HE'S RIGHT! WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
EREN, CAN YOU GO ONE DAY WITHOUT FOMENTING SOMETHING...?


NEGOTIATIONS WON'T DO A THING AT THIS POINT!
DO ANY OF YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON?!


...WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PROTECT THIS CLUB!!
AND I WILL DO...
IF THE CLASH CAN'T FIGHT THE LAW, WHAT HOPE DO I HAVE?
ESPECIALLY WHEN THE LAW'S 50 METERS TALL...
PLEASE ...!!
...THEN THE CLUB CAN START BACK UP AGAIN.
SO IF WE CAN GO A MONTH...
...WITHOUT MAKING ANY WAVES...
WASN'T THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB MEETING TODAY?
HEY, DUDES!
THE CLASH?! MS. RICO, DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO GOOD-FOR-NOTHING YOBBOS!
SNIFF


AWW... I KNEW COMING HERE WOULD BE A TOTAL DRAG.
RICO'S ALREADY BLUBBERING.
COME ON! WHAT'S THE DEAL?
TAKE IT EASY. HAVE A WHITE RUSSIAN. IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD.
UH, LIKE I ALWAYS TELL YOU, I'M UNDER-AGE...


EREN! MIKASA! ARMIN!
YOU DUDES ARE IN THIS CLUB, TOO?
... MR. HANNES?
HUH?


HAHA! I'LL BET YOU WERE FORCED TO JOIN, WEREN'T YOU?
Hanes, like the under-wear? White russian? Dudes?
WELL, LET'S BE GOOD CLUBMATES, HUH?
WHAT?
WELL, OBVIOUSLY, I'M THE BEAUTIFICATION CLUB'S FACULTY ADVISOR!
?!

THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED?
OH, WOW, FOR REAL?
CRAZY, MAN. I WAS WONDER-ING WHY YOU GUYS WEREN'T ON THE WALLS.
I NEVER EXPECTED THE RULES TO SUDDENLY GET SO HEAVY WHEN I JUST GOT BACK...
NOW I'M BACK AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, AND THIS HAPPENS!
SEE, MY WIFE GOT SICK, SO I WAS ON ONE OF THOSE THINGS, A LEAVING ABSENTS OR SOMETHING.
SIGH...
...AND JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THIS CLUB'D GET GROOVY AGAIN...
NOW ALL YOU LITTLE DUDES FROM MY NEIGH-BORHOOD SHOW UP...

IT'S JUST SUCH A BUMMER...

WHO COULD IT BE?! WHO WERE THE ONES WHO WENT AFTER THE TITANS?!
IF WHOEVER IT WAS WOULD JUST APOLOGIZE, I'M SURE THE PRINCIPAL WOULD FORGIVE AND FORGET!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PAY MY LEAGUE FEES NOW?!
IS ADVISING THIS CLUB HIS ONLY INCOME? DOESN'T HE HAVE A REAL JOB?
WELL, WE WON'T ACCEPT UNFAIR TREATMENT LIKE THIS!
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR CLUB BACK TO NORMAL!
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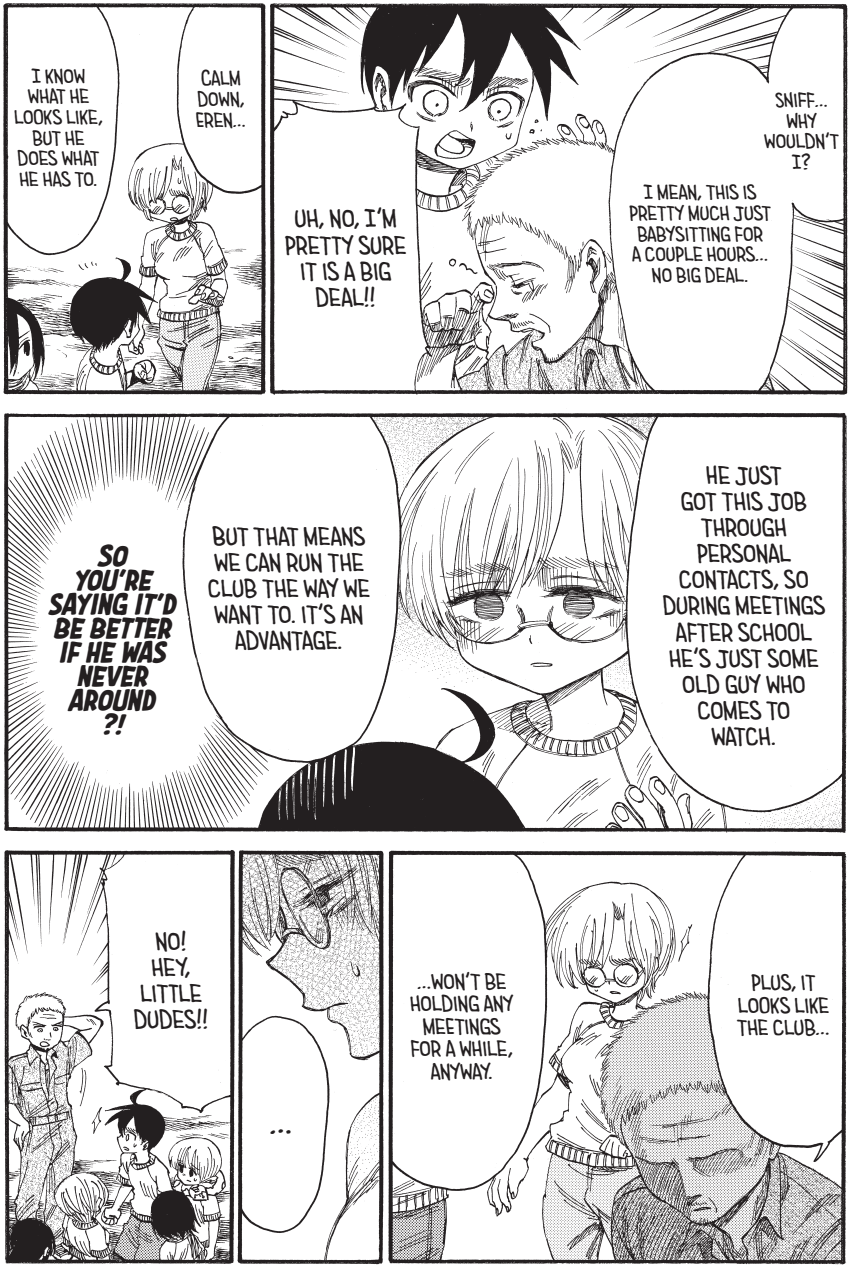
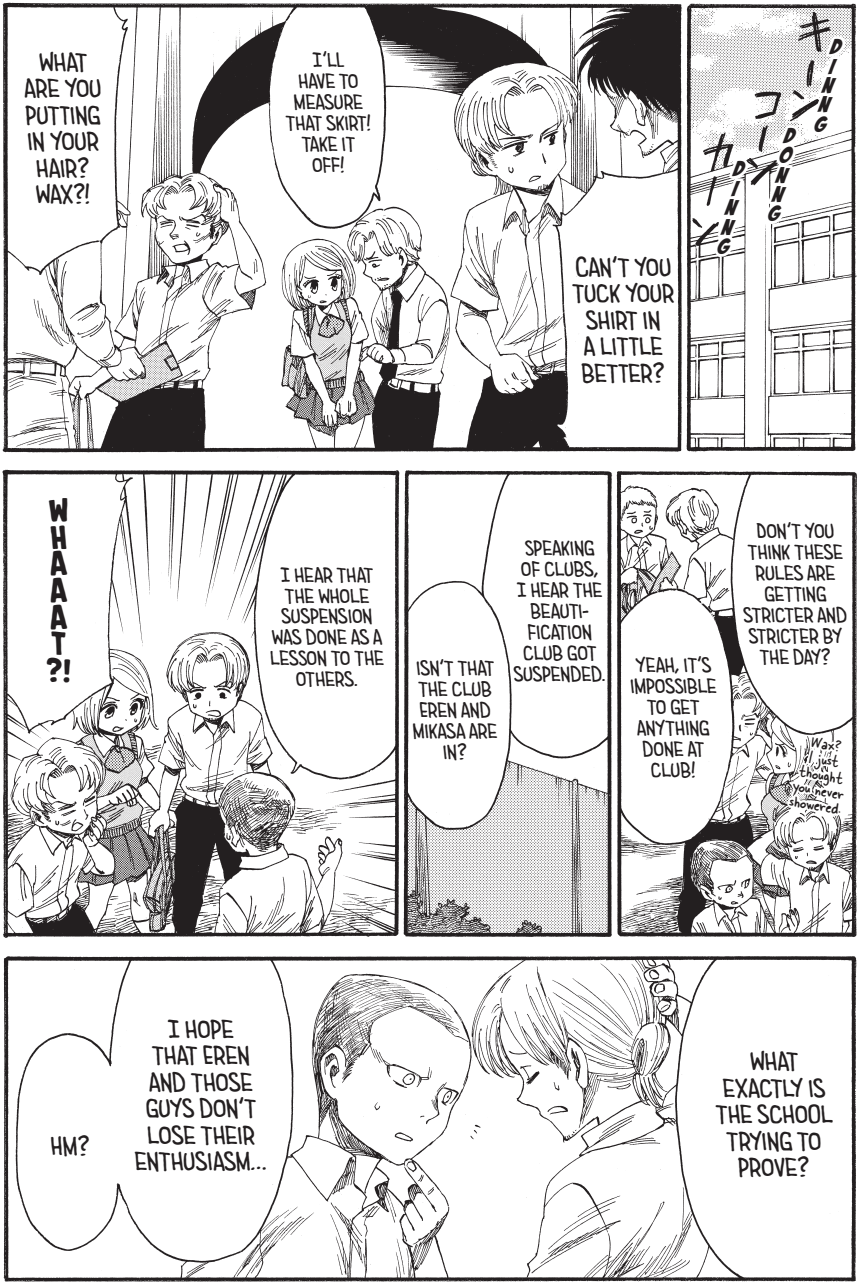
EUGH, IT SMELLS LIKE VODKA AND MOLDY CHEESE!!
WHY WOULD YOU COME TO SCHOOL DRUNK?!


I KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE, BUT HE DOES WHAT HE HAS TO.
CALM DOWN, EREN...
UH, NO, I'M PRETTY SURE IT IS A BIG DEAL!!
I MEAN, THIS IS PRETTY MUCH JUST BABYSITTING FOR A COUPLE HOURS... NO BIG DEAL.
SNIFF... WHY WOULDN'T I?
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'D BE BETTER IF HE WAS NEVER AROUND ?!
BUT THAT MEANS WE CAN RUN THE CLUB THE WAY WE WANT TO. IT'S AN ADVANTAGE.
HE JUST GOT THIS JOB THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS, SO DURING MEETINGS AFTER SCHOOL HE'S JUST SOME OLD GUY WHO COMES TO WATCH.
NO! HEY, LITTLE DUDES!!
...
...WON'T BE HOLDING ANY MEETINGS FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY.
PLUS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CLUB...

COME ON, I MEAN, LIKE, WE GOTTA TAKE DIRECT ACTION, RIGHT, MAN?
WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE NEW RULES?
THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT TO LOSE, RIGHT?
I THINK I KNOW A BIT MORE ABOUT THE WORLD THAN YOU DUDES DO.
YOU KNOW, I'M NOT JUST SOME BUM. I'VE DONE MY SHARE OF PROTESTING.
HEH HEH...
YOU ACTUALLY THINK WE CAN DO THAT?!
MR. HANNES, YOU MEAN...
WHAT?!
UNDER-STANDING ...?
NICE ...?
...WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THESE STUPID NEW RULES STRUCK DOWN.
THEY JUST NEED TO SEE, LIKE, HOW NICE AND UNDERSTANDING ALL YOU KIDS CAN BE. AFTER THAT...
AND ANYWAY, IT'S NOT LIKE THE ADMINISTRATION IS MADE UP OF MAN-EATING MONSTERS OR ANYTHING.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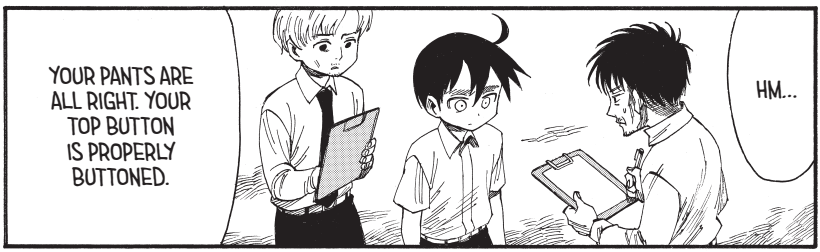
DINNG DONNG DINNG
CAN'T YOU TUCK YOUR SHIRT IN A LITTLE BETTER?
I'LL HAVE TO MEASURE THAT SKIRT! TAKE IT OFF!
WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING IN YOUR HAIR? WAX?!
DON'T YOU THINK THESE RULES ARE GETTING STRICTER AND STRICTER BY THE DAY?
YEAH, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANYTHING DONE AT CLUB!
Wax? I just thought you never showered.
SPEAKING OF CLUBS, I HEAR THE BEAUTI-FICATION CLUB GOT SUSPENDED.
ISN'T THAT THE CLUB EREN AND MIKASA ARE IN?
I HEAR THAT THE WHOLE SUSPENSION WAS DONE AS A LESSON TO THE OTHERS.
WHAAAAT?!
WHAT EXACTLY IS THE SCHOOL TRYING TO PROVE?
I HOPE THAT EREN AND THOSE GUYS DON'T LOSE THEIR ENTHUSIASM...
HM?


HM...
YOUR PANTS ARE ALL RIGHT. YOUR TOP BUTTON IS PROPERLY BUTTONED.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INSIDE MY BAG?
My scarf...
YOUR SKIRT LENGTH IS REGULATION.
YOU PASS.
YOU DIDN'T BRING IT?
YOUR FUTON ...?
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.
ALL THREE ARE REGULATION.
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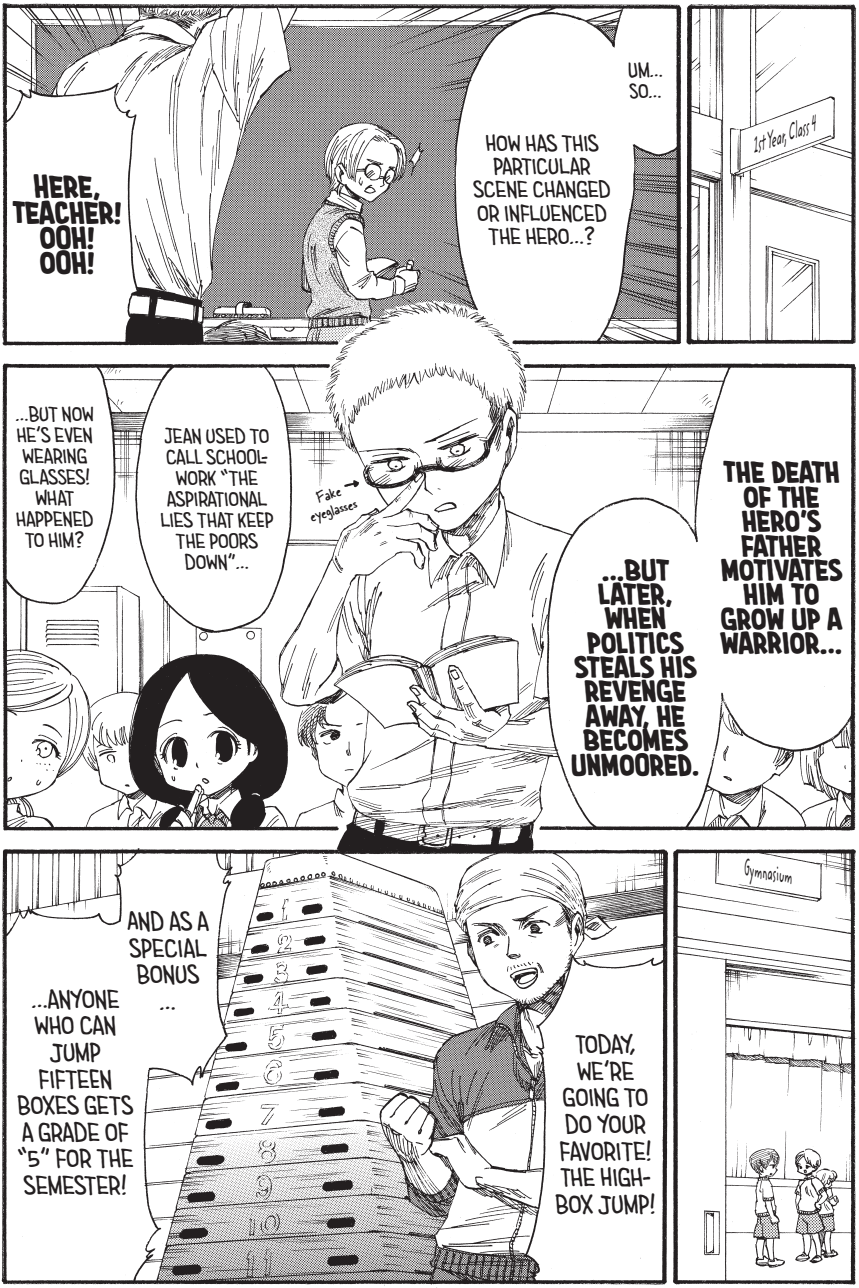
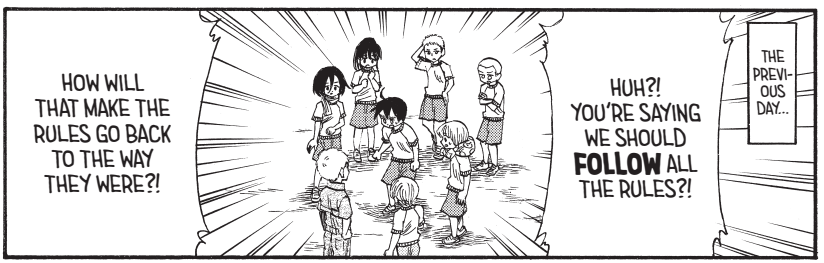
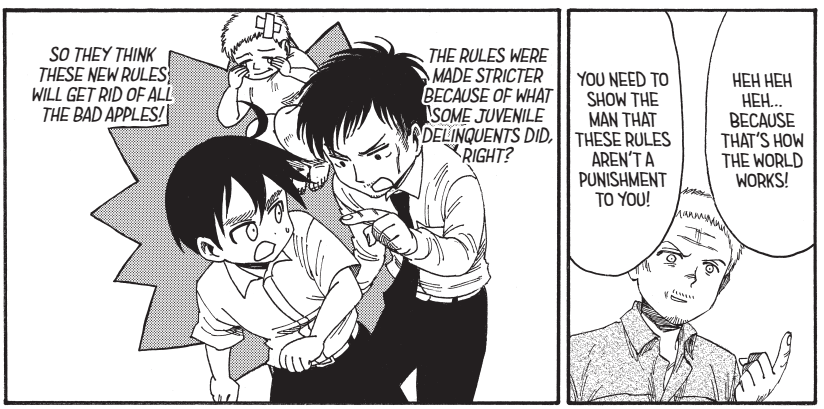

HERE, TEACHER! OOH! OOH!
UM... SO...
HOW HAS THIS PARTICULAR SCENE CHANGED OR INFLUENCED THE HERO...?
1st Year, Class 4
...BUT NOW HE'S EVEN WEARING GLASSES! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
JEAN USED TO CALL SCHOOL-WORK "THE ASPIRATIONAL LIES THAT KEEP THE POORS DOWN"...
Fake eyeglasses
...BUT LATER, WHEN POLITICS STEALS HIS REVENGE AWAY, HE BECOMES UNMOORED.
THE DEATH OF THE HERO'S FATHER MOTIVATES HIM TO GROW UP A WARRIOR...
...ANYONE WHO CAN JUMP FIFTEEN BOXES GETS A GRADE OF "5" FOR THE SEMESTER!
AND AS A SPECIAL BONUS ...
TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO DO YOUR FAVORITE! THE HIGH-BOX JUMP!
Gymnasium

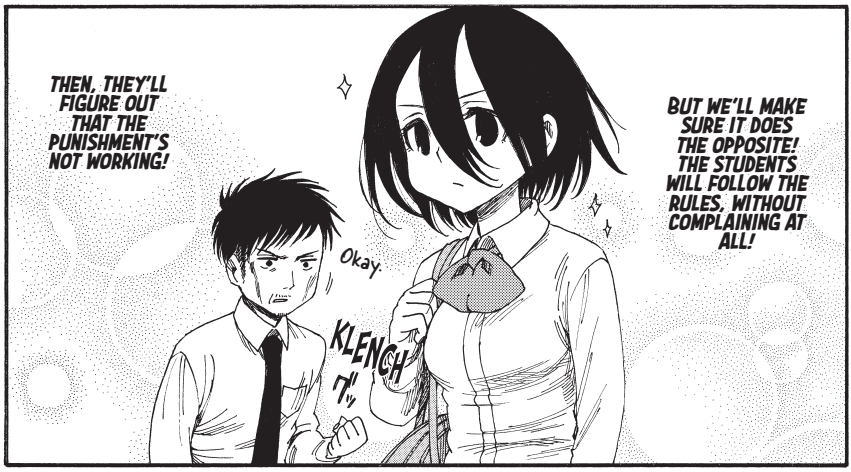
BOING
SIR, I DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN JUMP THAT.
I'M PUSHING IT AT EVEN SIX BOXES!
SINCE I KNOW I CAN'T DO IT, I'LL JUST WING IT AT FOUR—
VVUUM
HYAH !!
HYOOHH!
CONNIE JUMPED IT DOING A HAND-STAND?!
S-SASHA JUMPED IT?!
THUMPAAAH
SASHA, CONNIE, THAT WAS AMAZING!!
THEY SAY IT'S EASIER IF YOUR HEAD'S LIGHTER!! I GUESS IT'S TRUE!!
I-I NEVER THOUGHT ANYBODY WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO DO IT...
AND I NEVER EXPECTED THOSE LAZY NE'ER-DO-WELLS TO BE SO AMBITIOUS.
WAIT A SECOND.

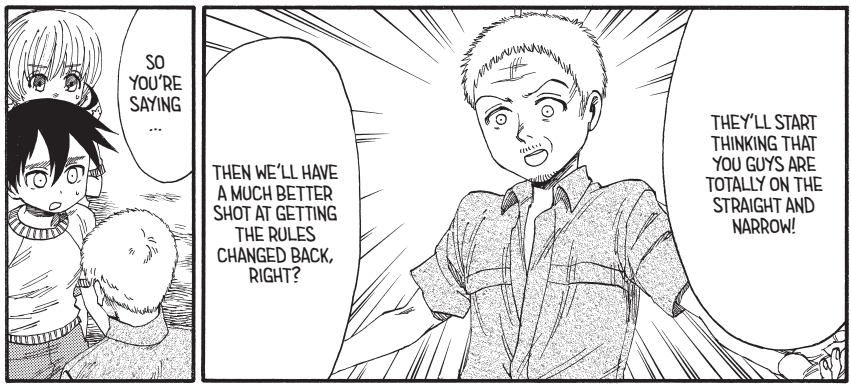
I KNOW, CONNIE, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE RABBITS AGAIN...
HEY, SASHA, YOU THINK I COULD DO IT, TOO?
...IF YOU JUST TEACH ME HOW YOU DID THAT!
I DON'T THINK I CAN DO IT ON MY FIRST TRY.
MAYBE IF THEY RAISED IT LITTLE BY LITTLE, I COULD GET USED TO IT...
THEY DID IT!
THAT MEANS THAT WE CAN DO IT TOO!
HEH.
...NOW ALL THE STUDENTS ARE RARING TO GO!
THOSE TWO WERE LIKE THE TRIGGER...
HOPING TO MAKE THE RULES TO GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE, THE STUDENTS...
YES, HANNES'S PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY.
THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOING IT !!

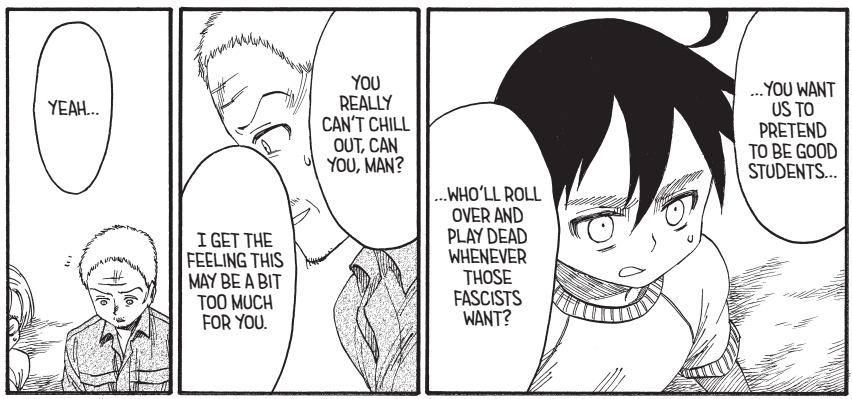
MODEL STUDENTS FOR WHOM ANY TEACHER'S HEART WOULD MELT!!
...BECAME UPRIGHT, EXEMPLARY SCHOLARS WITHOUT A SINGLE DEFECT!!


HOW WILL THAT MAKE THE RULES GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE?!
HUH?! YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD **FOLLOW** ALL THE RULES?!
THE PREVIOUS DAY...

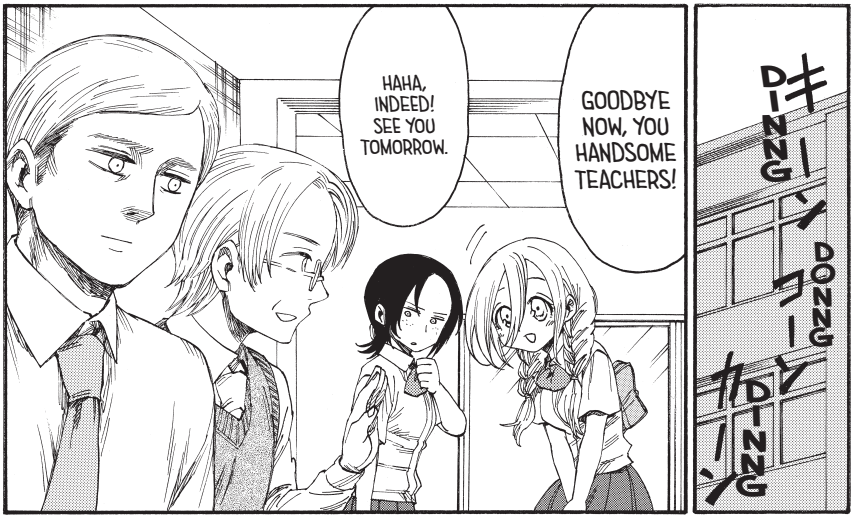

SO THEY THINK THESE NEW RULES WILL GET RID OF ALL THE BAD APPLES!
THE RULES WERE MADE STRICTER BECAUSE OF WHAT SOME JUVENILE DELINQUENTS DID, RIGHT?
YOU NEED TO SHOW THE MAN THAT THESE RULES AREN'T A PUNISHMENT TO YOU!
HEH HEH HEH... BECAUSE THAT'S HOW THE WORLD WORKS!


THEN, THEY'LL FIGURE OUT THAT THE PUNISHMENT'S NOT WORKING!
Okay.
KLENCH
BUT WE'LL MAKE SURE IT DOES THE OPPOSITE! THE STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW THE RULES, WITHOUT COMPLAINING AT ALL!


SO YOU'RE SAYING ...
THEN WE'LL HAVE A MUCH BETTER SHOT AT GETTING THE RULES CHANGED BACK, RIGHT?
THEY'LL START THINKING THAT YOU GUYS ARE TOTALLY ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW!


YEAH...
I GET THE FEELING THIS MAY BE A BIT TOO MUCH FOR YOU.
YOU REALLY CAN'T CHILL OUT, CAN YOU, MAN?
...WHO'LL ROLL OVER AND PLAY DEAD WHENEVER THOSE FASCISTS WANT?
...YOU WANT US TO PRETEND TO BE GOOD STUDENTS...

I CAN'T DO THAT!! HOW COULD I FOLLOW THOSE STUPID RULES...?
BESIDES, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF DOING IT WILL MAKE THE SCHOOL GO BACK TO NORMAL!
...
EREN! LISTEN, FOR ONCE, YOU...
THIS IS NO TIME TO ARGUE!!
KRAKK
?!
I'VE... GOT TO FORCE MYSELF TO DO IT...!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY...! I CAN'T LET HANNES AND RICO DOWN!
EREN, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING RIGHT HERE...
BUT YOU GUYS BETTER DO IT RIGHT TOO!
WE GOTTA DO ALL OF OUR STUDYING AND MAKE THE TEACHERS LOVE US!
OF COURSE WE WILL, IDIOT!
AND THOSE WHO CAN'T STUDY CAN MAKE UP FOR IT WITH ATHLETICS, CONNIE!
YEAH...
OKAY, WE'RE ALL DECIDED...
WE GOTTA GET THINGS BACK...
...TO THE WAY THEY WERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!


GOODBYE NOW, YOU HANDSOME TEACHERS!
HAHA, INDEED! SEE YOU TOMORROW.
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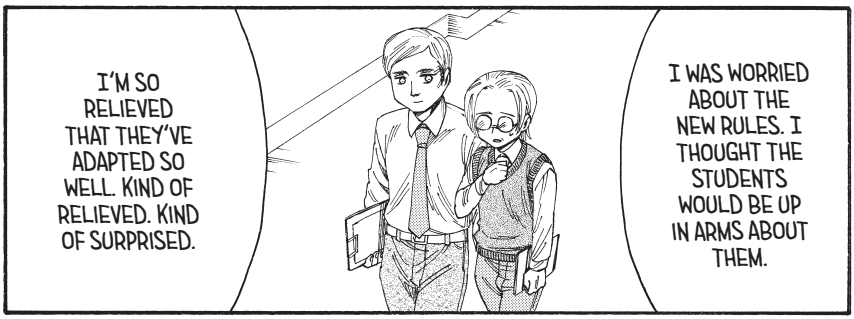
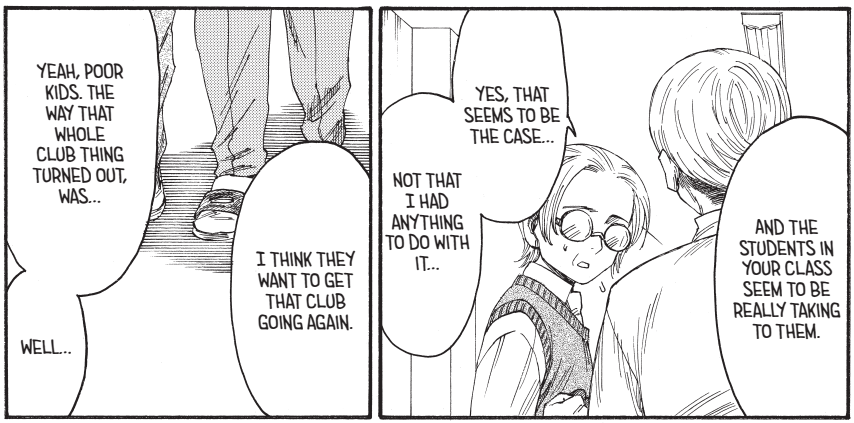
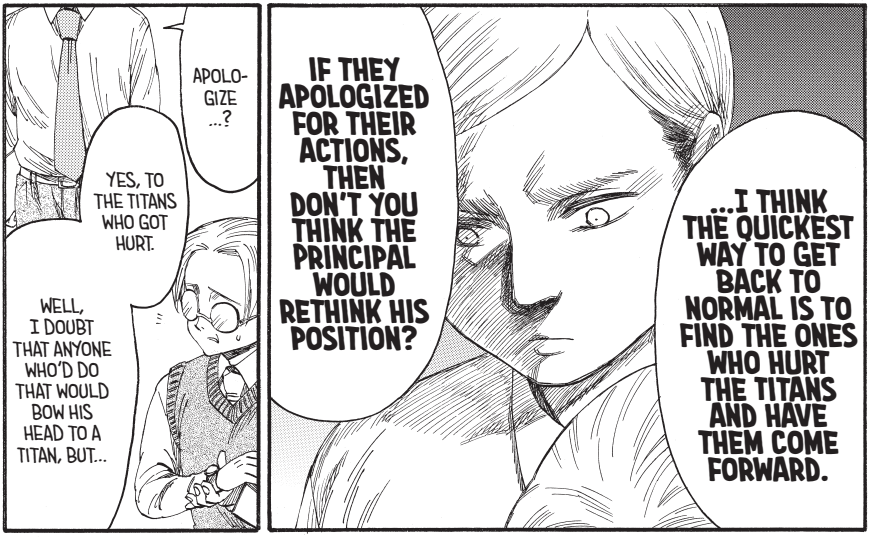
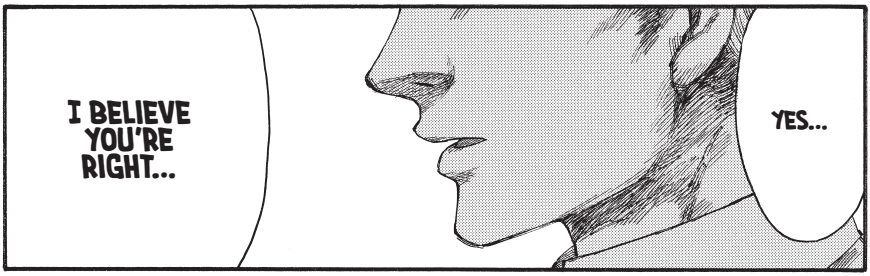
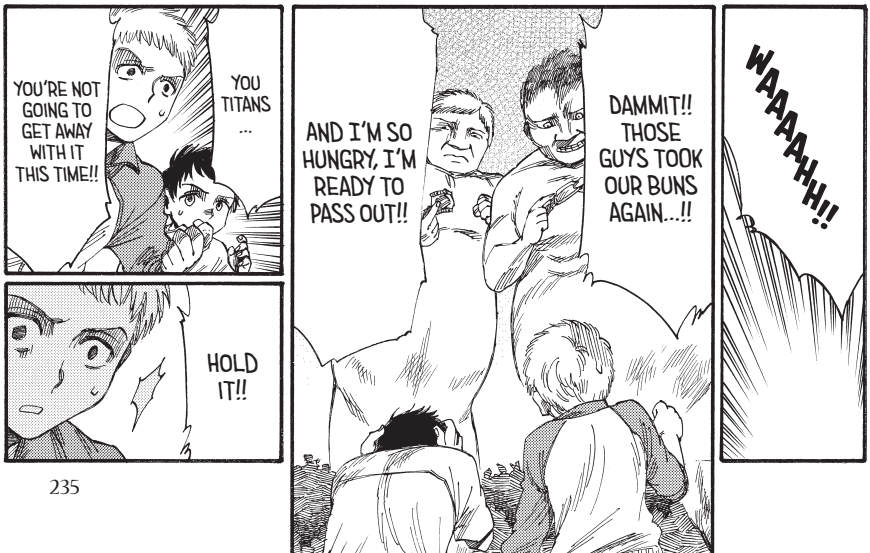
DINNG


I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE NEW RULES. I THOUGHT THE STUDENTS WOULD BE UP IN ARMS ABOUT THEM.
I'M SO RELIEVED THAT THEY'VE ADAPTED SO WELL. KIND OF RELIEVED. KIND OF SURPRISED.

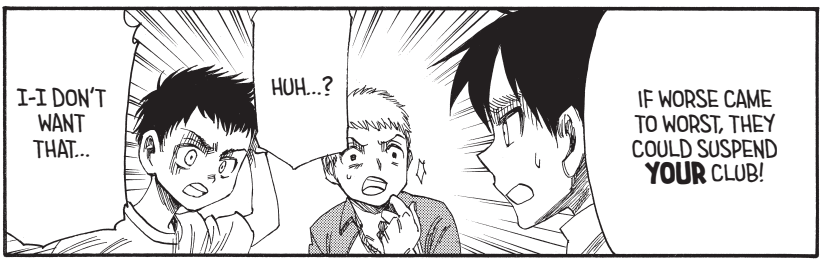

AND THE STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASS SEEM TO BE REALLY TAKING TO THEM.
YES, THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE...
NOT THAT I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT...
I THINK THEY WANT TO GET THAT CLUB GOING AGAIN.
YEAH, POOR KIDS. THE WAY THAT WHOLE CLUB THING TURNED OUT, WAS...
WELL...

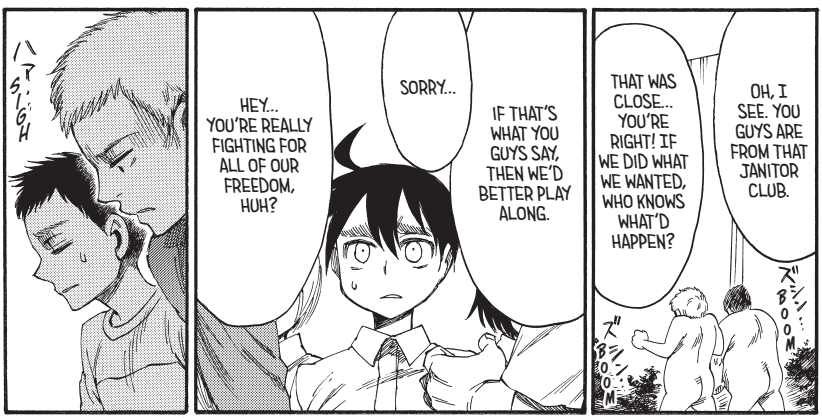

APOLO-GIZE ...?
YES, TO THE TITANS WHO GOT HURT.
WELL, I DOUBT THAT ANYONE WHO'D DO THAT WOULD BOW HIS HEAD TO A TITAN, BUT...
IF THEY APOLOGIZED FOR THEIR ACTIONS, THEN DON'T YOU THINK THE PRINCIPAL WOULD RETHINK HIS POSITION?
...I THINK THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL IS TO FIND THE ONES WHO HURT THE TITANS AND HAVE THEM COME FORWARD.


I BELIEVE YOU'RE RIGHT...
YES...


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT THIS TIME!!
YOU TITANS ...
HOLD IT!!
AND I'M SO HUNGRY, I'M READY TO PASS OUT!!
DAMMIT!! THOSE GUYS TOOK OUR BUNS AGAIN...!!
WAAAAHH!!

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT PUT YOUR FISTS DOWN FOR TODAY.
WE DO THAT, AND WE'LL ONLY BE TIGHTENING THE NOOSE AROUND OUR OWN NECKS!


I-I DON'T WANT THAT...
HUH...?
IF WORSE CAME TO WORST, THEY COULD SUSPEND **YOUR** CLUB!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SIGH
HEY... YOU'RE REALLY FIGHTING FOR ALL OF OUR FREEDOM, HUH?
SORRY...
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS SAY, THEN WE'D BETTER PLAY ALONG.
THAT WAS CLOSE... YOU'RE RIGHT! IF WE DID WHAT WE WANTED, WHO KNOWS WHAT'D HAPPEN?
OH, I SEE. YOU GUYS ARE FROM THAT JANITOR CLUB.
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BOOM
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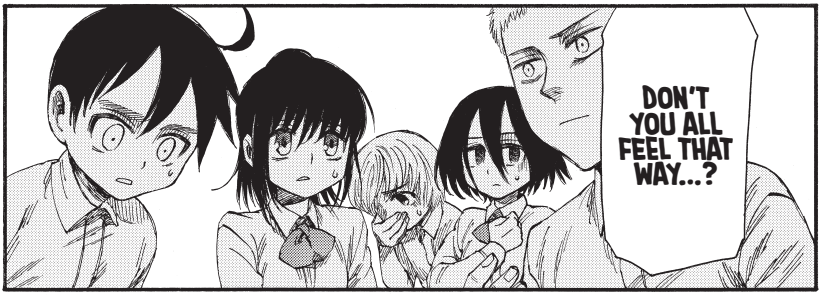
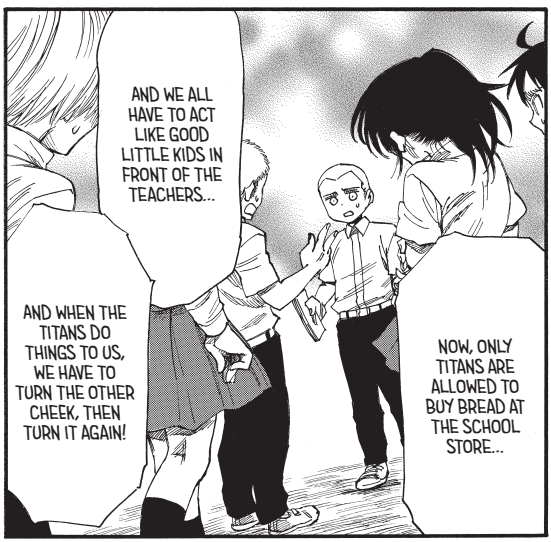
BOOM

WE CAN PUT UP WITH THIS MUCH. AFTER ALL, THAT CLUB IS WAY WORSE OFF! WHAT GREAT GUYS...
YOU COULD EVEN CALL THEM HEROES...
I MEAN, I WOULDN'T, BUT YOU COULD...
IT LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES ARE CHANGING LITTLE BY LITTLE.
WELL, YEAH... NOBODY WANTS THIS TO GO ON FOR MUCH LONGER.
cough...
WE'RE LIKE CAPTURED GNOMES UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF THE DREADED BEHOLDER.
WE'LL HAVE TO TOLERATE THEIR TYRANNY FOR NOW IF WE EVER HOPE TO ESCAPE.

BUT GUYS, DO YOU THINK THIS WILL REALLY DO IT?
COME ON, CONNIE!
I JUST MEAN, IT'S BEEN TWO WHOLE WEEKS SINCE THIS ALL STARTED!!
I KNOW THEY TOLD US THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THIS WOULD BLOW OVER QUICKLY...
BUT I THINK WE'RE BEING CORNERED HERE, DON'T YOU?
KOFF KOFF
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW PERFECT WE MAKE OUR UNIFORMS ...
...OR HOW HARD WE STUDY...
...AT THIS SCHOOL, WE'LL ALWAYS BE TREATED WORSE THAN THOSE STUPID TITANS!
I KNOW THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO STUDY TOO MUCH, BUT...
...I'M PRETTY SURE I'M TRYING A LOT HARDER THAN THOSE TITANS...
BUT WATCHING THEM WALK AROUND NAKED AND MAKE WEIRD FACES... THEY GET TO DO EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED!
I CAN'T HANDLE IT ANYMORE...
YOU KNOW...?

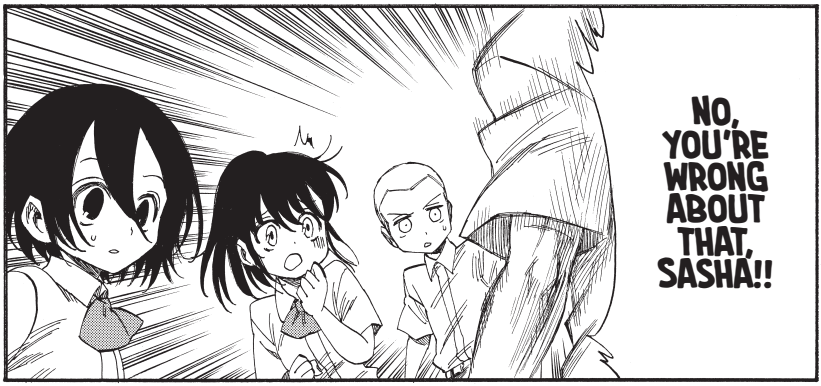

DON'T YOU ALL FEEL THAT WAY...?

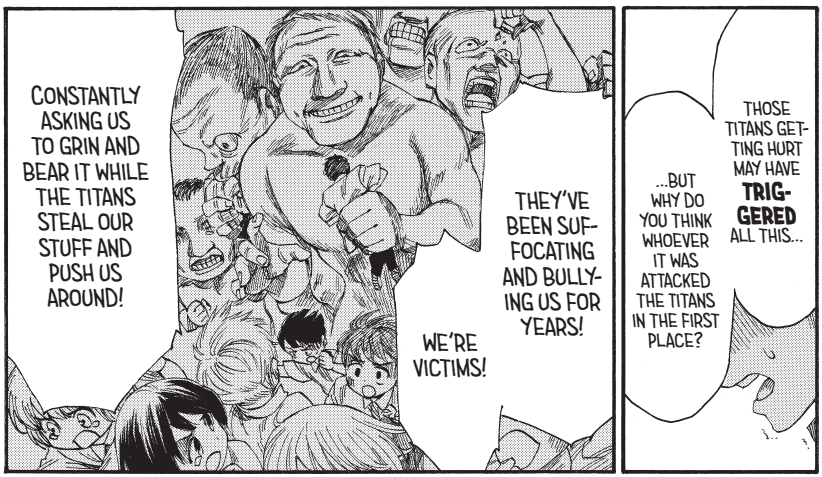

AND WE ALL HAVE TO ACT LIKE GOOD LITTLE KIDS IN FRONT OF THE TEACHERS...
AND WHEN THE TITANS DO THINGS TO US, WE HAVE TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK, THEN TURN IT AGAIN!
NOW, ONLY TITANS ARE ALLOWED TO BUY BREAD AT THE SCHOOL STORE...

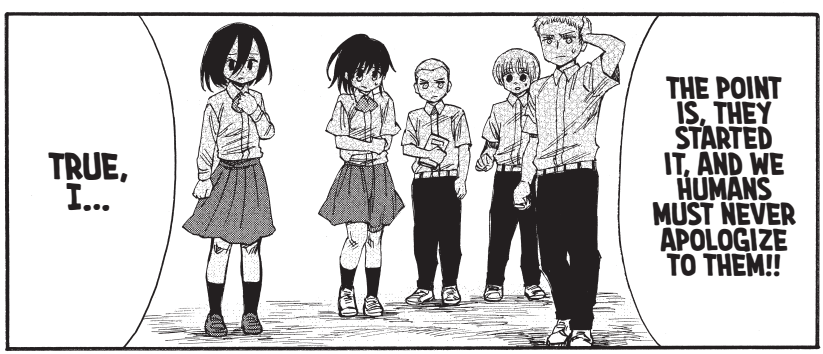
I AGREE WITH YOU AND AM REALLY REALLY HUNGRY!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE, YOU'RE MAKING SENSE!!

WOULDN'T IT BE QUICKER TO FIND THEM AND MAKE THEM APOLOGIZE ...?
WHO-EVER HURT THE TITANS ARE THE BAD GUYS HERE!

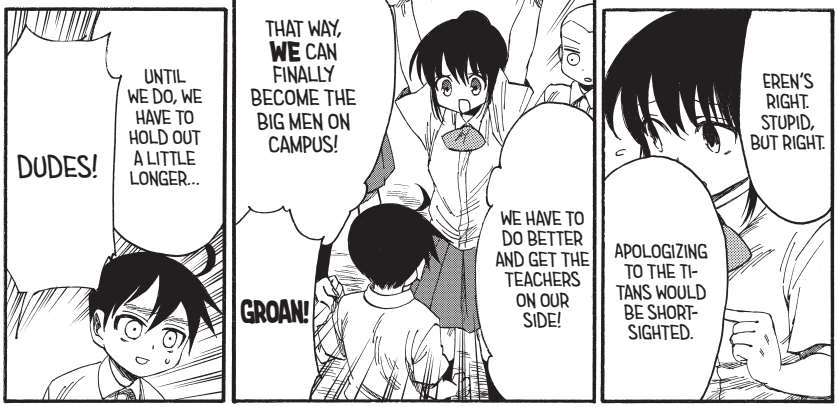
WELL I'M RUNNING OUT OF CHEEKS OVER HERE!!
I MEAN, WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...!!

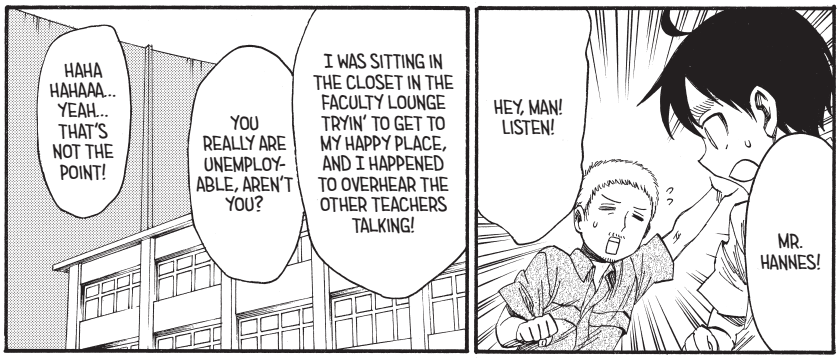

NO, YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THAT, SASHA!!


CONSTANTLY ASKING US TO GRIN AND BEAR IT WHILE THE TITANS STEAL OUR STUFF AND PUSH US AROUND!
WE'RE VICTIMS!
THEY'VE BEEN SUFFOCATING AND BULLYING US FOR YEARS!
...BUT WHY DO YOU THINK WHOEVER IT WAS ATTACKED THE TITANS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
THOSE TITANS GETTING HURT MAY HAVE TRIGGERED ALL THIS...


TRUE, I...
THE POINT IS, THEY STARTED IT, AND WE HUMANS MUST NEVER APOLOGIZE TO THEM!!

...AM WILLING TO DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO GET THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB BACK.
EVEN SO...
...SUBMITTING TO THE TITANS IS THE ONE THING THAT I WILL NEVER DO!!
IF I SUBMIT, THEN NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS I TRY, I'LL NEVER FIND A WAY TO BEAT THE TITANS...
IF I DO, THEN MY LIFE IS MEANINGLESS!
...AND ACCOMPLISH MY DREAM, TO GUEST STAR IN "BJ AND THE BEAR"...
...
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE, EREN...
...THAT SHOW HAS BEEN OFF THE AIR FOR YEARS...


EREN'S RIGHT. STUPID, BUT RIGHT.
APOLOGIZING TO THE TITANS WOULD BE SHORT-SIGHTED.
WE HAVE TO DO BETTER AND GET THE TEACHERS ON OUR SIDE!
GROAN!
THAT WAY, WE CAN FINALLY BECOME THE BIG MEN ON CAMPUS!
UNTIL WE DO, WE HAVE TO HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER...
DUDES!


MR. HANNES!
HEY, MAN! LISTEN!
I WAS SITTING IN THE CLOSET IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE TRYIN' TO GET TO MY HAPPY PLACE, AND I HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR THE OTHER TEACHERS TALKING!
YOU REALLY ARE UNEMPLOYABLE, AREN'T YOU?
HAHA HAHAAA... YEAH... THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

YOU KNOW THAT REALLY, REALLY NICE GUY, MR. ERWIN SMITH?
He's always invitin' me to free parties and rehab clinics.
Y-YEAH...
WELL, LIKE, HE'S ADMITTED...
...THAT IT WAS HIM WHO HURT THE TITANS!
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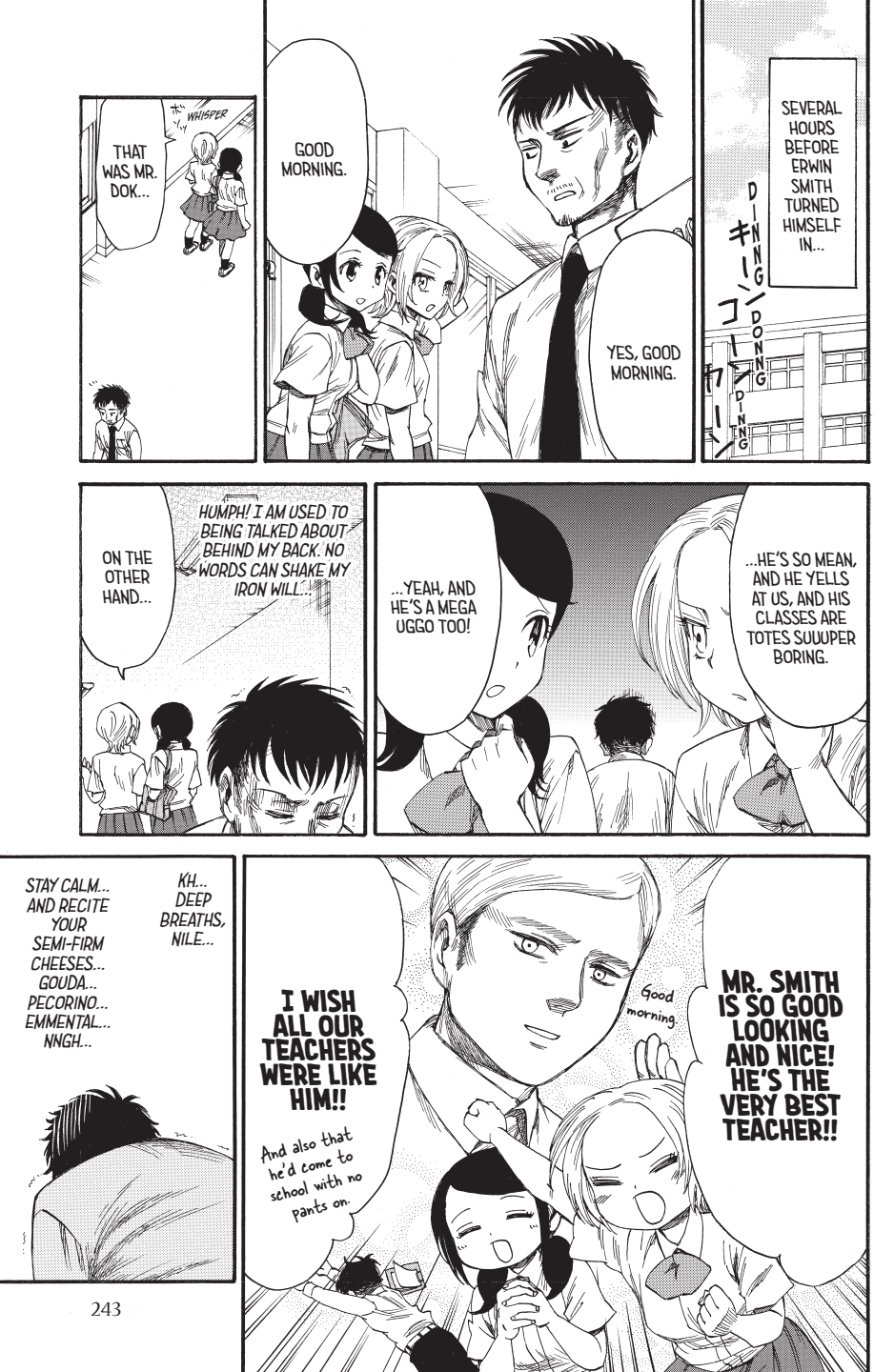
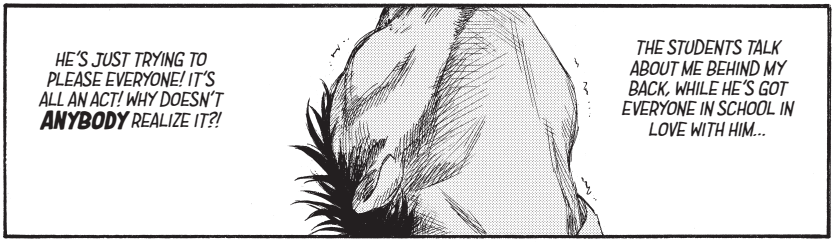
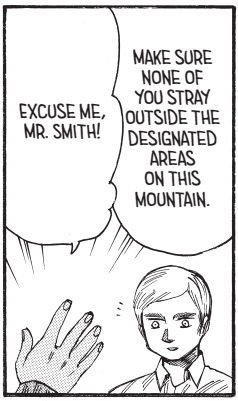
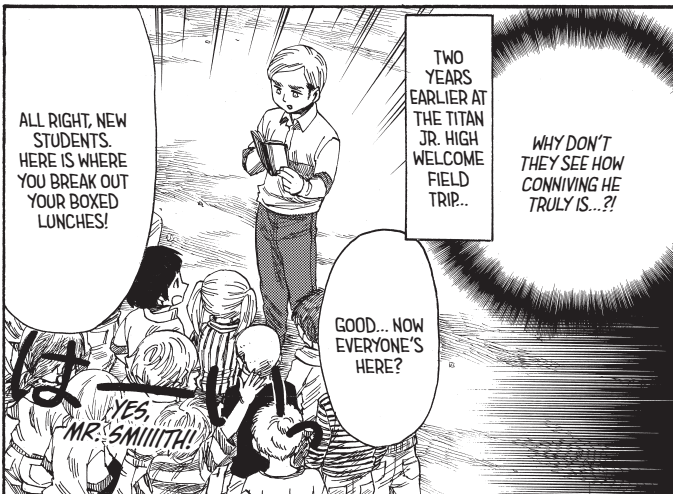

SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE ERWIN SMITH TURNED HIMSELF IN...
DING DONG
GOOD MORNING.
YES, GOOD MORNING.
WHISPER
THAT WAS MR. DOK...
HUMPH! I AM USED TO BEING TALKED ABOUT BEHIND MY BACK. NO WORDS CAN SHAKE MY IRON WILL...
ON THE OTHER HAND...
...YEAH, AND HE'S A MEGA UGGO TOO!
...HE'S SO MEAN, AND HE YELLS AT US, AND HIS CLASSES ARE TOTES SUUUPER BORING.
KH... DEEP BREATHS, NILE...
STAY CALM... AND RECITE YOUR SEMI-FIRM CHEESES... GOUDA... PECORINO... EMMENTAL... NNGH...
I WISH ALL OUR TEACHERS WERE LIKE HIM!!
And also that he'd come to school with no pants on.
Good morning.
MR. SMITH IS SO GOOD LOOKING AND NICE! HE'S THE VERY BEST TEACHER!!

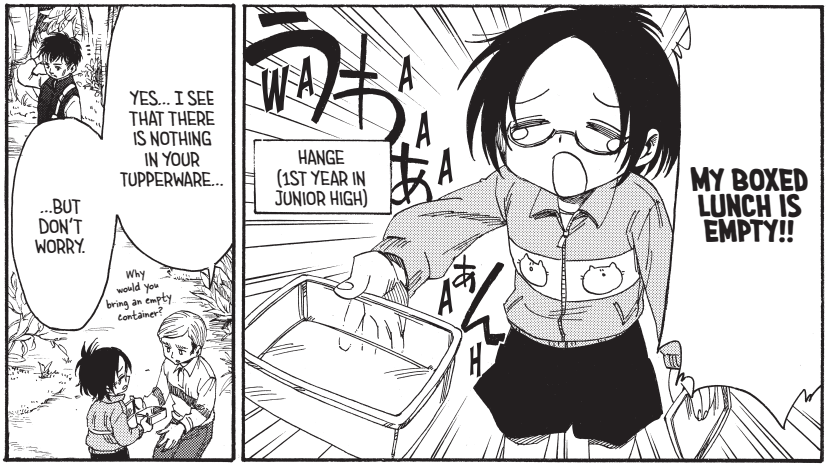
DAMN YOU, ERWIN!
ASIAGO! GRUYERE! EDAA AAAA AAAA AAM!!!

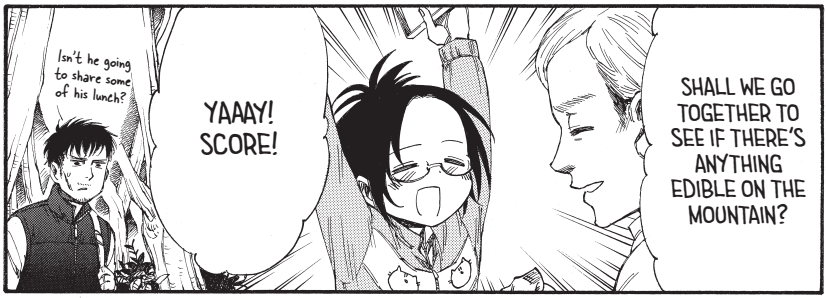

HE'S JUST TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYONE! IT'S ALL AN ACT! WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY REALIZE IT?!
THE STUDENTS TALK ABOUT ME BEHIND MY BACK, WHILE HE'S GOT EVERYONE IN SCHOOL IN LOVE WITH HIM...

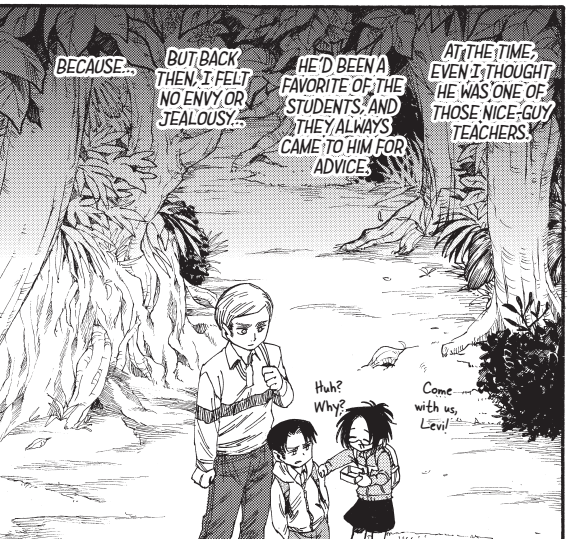

EXCUSE ME, MR. SMITH!
MAKE SURE NONE OF YOU STRAY OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED AREAS ON THIS MOUNTAIN.

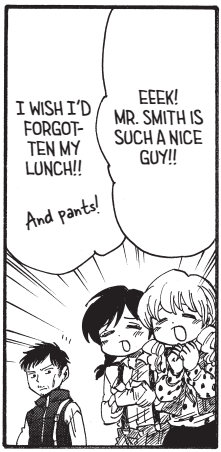

ALL RIGHT, NEW STUDENTS. HERE IS WHERE YOU BREAK OUT YOUR BOXED LUNCHES!
TWO YEARS EARLIER AT THE TITAN JR. HIGH WELCOME FIELD TRIP...
WHY DON'T THEY SEE HOW CONNIVING HE TRULY IS...?!
GOOD... NOW EVERYONE'S HERE?
YES, MR. SMIIIITH!

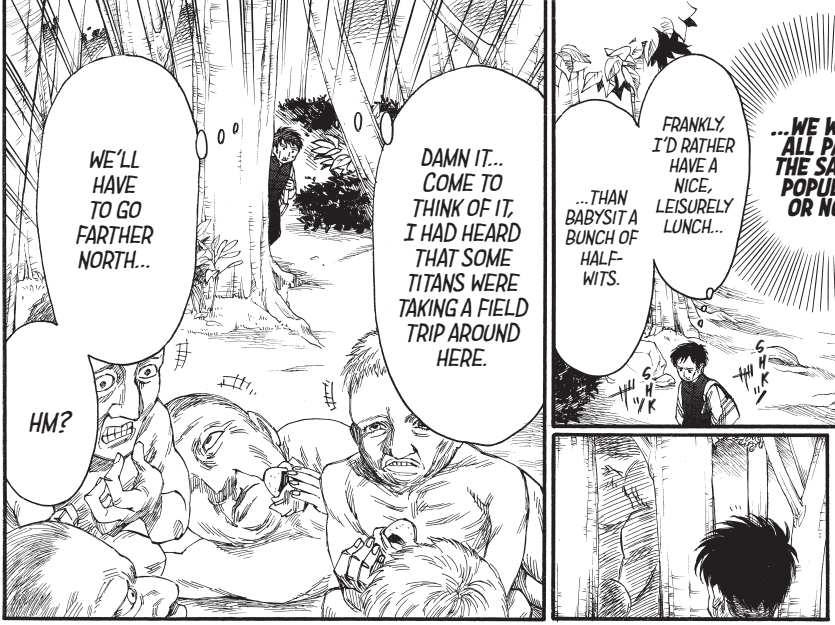
TWENTY-SEVENTH PERIOD: GOODBYE, MR. SMITH



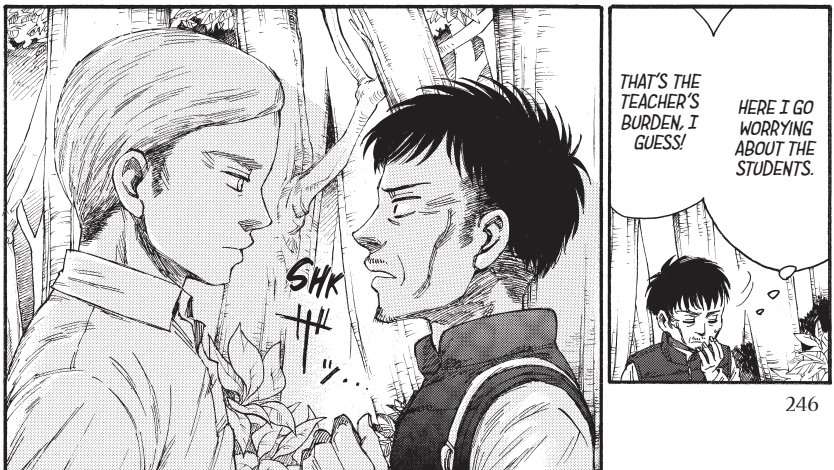






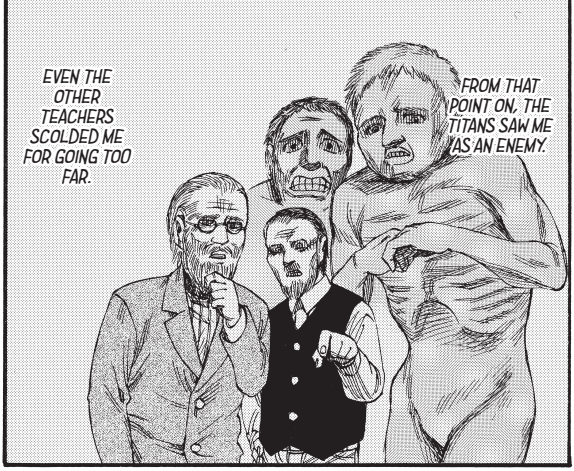

WE'LL HAVE TO GO FARTHER NORTH...
HM?
DAMN IT... COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAD HEARD THAT SOME TITANS WERE TAKING A FIELD TRIP AROUND HERE.
...THAN BABYSIT A BUNCH OF HALF-WITS.
FRANKLY, I'D RATHER HAVE A NICE, LEISURELY LUNCH...
...WE WERE ALL PAID THE SAME, POPULAR OR NOT.
SHK
SHK

AND HOW'D THEY BUY ALL THAT WITH AN ALLOWANCE OF 300 YEN?
THAT CAN'T BE THEIR LUNCHES, CAN IT? THERE ARE TOO MANY SWEETS IN THERE.

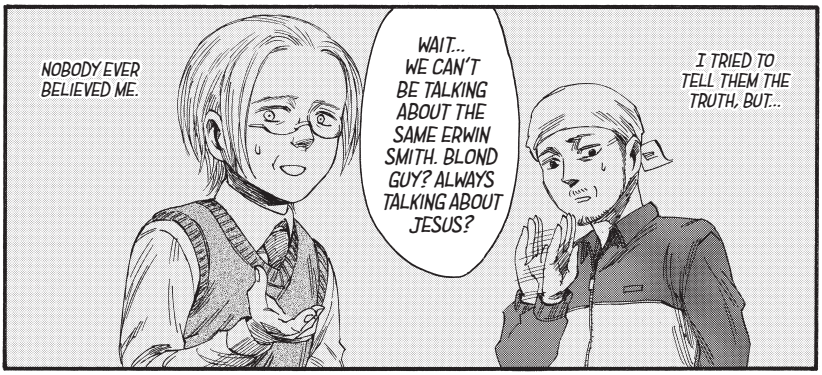

SHK
THAT'S THE TEACHER'S BURDEN, I GUESS!
HERE I GO WORRYING ABOUT THE STUDENTS.

I ONLY JUST GOT HERE. HOW ABOUT YOU, NILE?
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD SAY SOMETHING TO THEM?
H-HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?!
SHK
DOOOM
HUH? OH... YOU MEAN ABOUT THE SNACK FOODS?
WELL, IT ISN'T AS IF IT'S A HUGE AMOUNT...
IT'S **UNTHINKABLE** FOR US TO TRY TO CORRECT THE TITANS' BEHAVIOR!
BUT WHY DO **YOU** SAY THAT? YOU'RE ALWAYS TREATING THE TITAN STUDENTS ESPECIALLY NICE.
PERSONALLY, I THOUGHT YOU'D JUST LET IT SLIDE.
WH-WHAT'S WITH HIM?!
I SEE.
WELL, NILE, IF **YOU'RE** NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE.
HE'S NOT ACTING LIKE HE USUALLY DOES.
HUFF...

ZOOOOSH
H-HEY!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF..
THOK
BAM
GRUNCH
BAFF
WHAK
ZOWHOOOM
FOOM
AAAAAAAAAAAA
RUSSTLE
HUH?
HEY, WHERE'D THE BLOND WEIRDO GO?


EVEN THE OTHER TEACHERS SCOLDED ME FOR GOING TOO FAR.
FROM THAT POINT ON, THE TITANS SAW ME AS AN ENEMY.

I WAS SURROUNDED BY THE SWEETS THAT THE TITANS HAD BEEN EATING.
WHEN I CAME TO SEVERAL HOURS LATER...


NOBODY EVER BELIEVED ME.
WAIT... WE CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME ERWIN SMITH. BLOND GUY? ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT JESUS?
I TRIED TO TELL THEM THE TRUTH, BUT...

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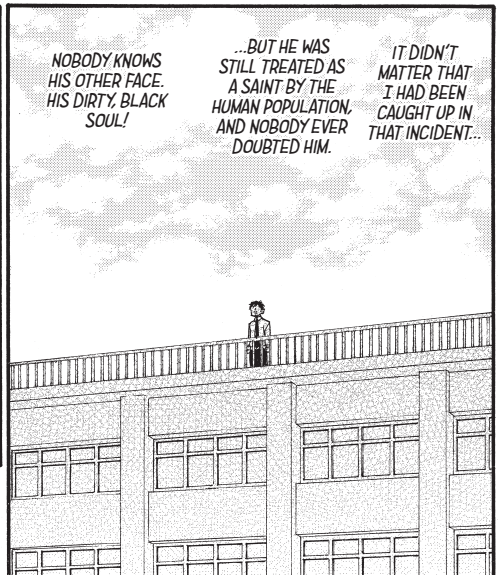
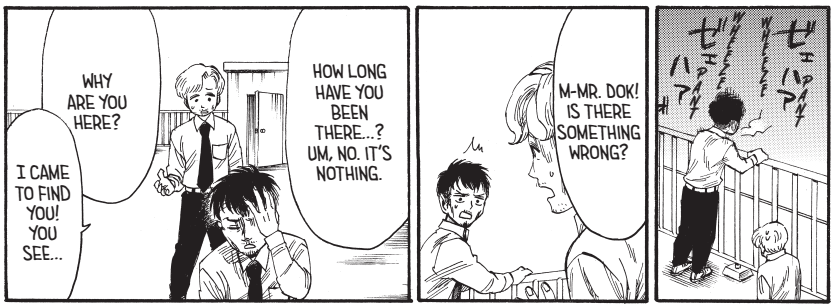

NOBODY KNOWS HIS OTHER FACE. HIS DIRTY, BLACK SOUL!
...BUT HE WAS STILL TREATED AS A SAINT BY THE HUMAN POPULATION, AND NOBODY EVER DOUBTED HIM.
IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT I HAD BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THAT INCIDENT...

...SO IT DIDN'T REALLY HAVE MUCH OF AN EFFECT ON MY LIFE.
OF COURSE, I WAS NEVER THE POPULAR TEACHER...

SOMEDAY I'M GOING TO PULL THAT MASK OFF OF HIM FOR EVERYONE TO SEE!!
YOU HEAR ME, MR. COIF-HEADED PERFECT-BONE-STRUCTURE ?!


WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I CAME TO FIND YOU! YOU SEE...
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE...? UM, NO. IT'S NOTHING.
M-MR. DOK! IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
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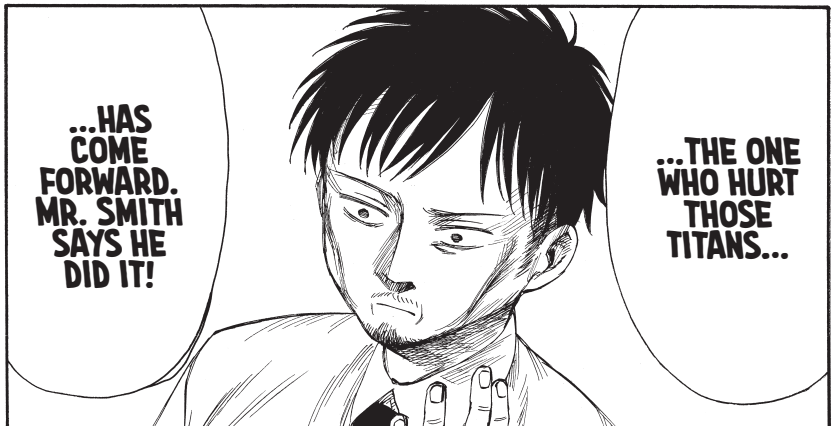
...HAS COME FORWARD. MR. SMITH SAYS HE DID IT!
...THE ONE WHO HURT THOSE TITANS...

MR. SMITH! ARE YOU REALLY QUITTING?!
NO! THERE'S STILL SO MUCH I HAVE TO LEARN FROM YOU!
You still haven't told us what happened to the Jaredites!
Faculty Office
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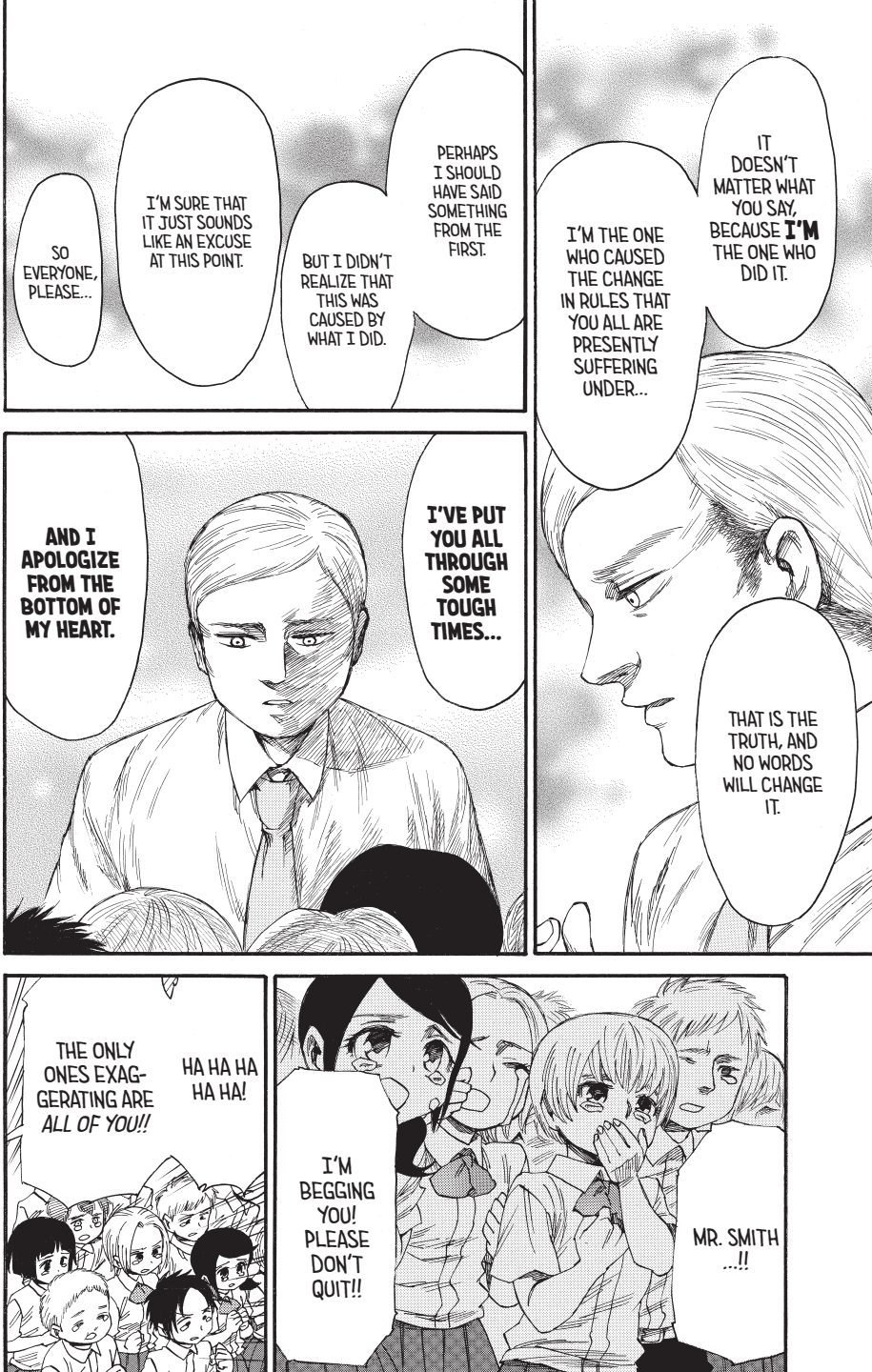
Murmur
I APOLOGIZE TO YOU ALL.
BUT NOTHING CAN BE DONE NOW...
WHAT HAPPENED WAS THE RESULT OF MY ACTIONS...
...AND I HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM.
BUT ALL YOU DID WAS GIVE THE TITANS A STRICT COURSE OF DISCIPLINE, RIGHT?
ISN'T THAT JUST DOING YOUR JOB?
WEREN'T THE TITANS EXAGGERATING THE DAMAGE YOU DID?
NOW STOP IT! ALL OF YOU!!


IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, BECAUSE I'M THE ONE WHO DID IT.
I'M THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE CHANGE IN RULES THAT YOU ALL ARE PRESENTLY SUFFERING UNDER...
THAT IS THE TRUTH, AND NO WORDS WILL CHANGE IT.
PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING FROM THE FIRST.
BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THIS WAS CAUSED BY WHAT I DID.
I'M SURE THAT IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCUSE AT THIS POINT.
SO EVERYONE, PLEASE...
I'VE PUT YOU ALL THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES...
AND I APOLOGIZE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
MR. SMITH ...!!
I'M BEGGING YOU! PLEASE DON'T QUIT!!
HA HA HA HA HA!
THE ONLY ONES EXAG-GERATING ARE *ALL OF YOU!!*

WHAT HE DID HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DISCIPLINE!
YOU **STILL** THINK HE'S SOME KIND OF SAINT?! YOU ARE ALL SO GULLIBLE!
GO AHEAD! SHOW EVERYBODY THE TRUE BLACKNESS OF YOUR HEART!!
HHVSSSH
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, ERWIN?!
WHAT HE DID WAS NOTHING SHORT OF WANTON VIOLENCE BORNE OF A HATRED OF TITANS!
IT'S DONE...!!
HUMPH
...STUPID LITTLE BRATS!!
KH... Y-YOU...
PEOPLE...
YOU'RE ONLY SAYING ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE **JEALOUS**, RIGHT?
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE WAY LESS POPULAR AND HAVE A TURGID, FLOPPY BUTT!
HOW DARE YOU SAY SUCH AWFUL THINGS ABOUT MR. SMITH?!

?!
WHAT MR. DOK SAID IS COMPLETELY TRUE.
I'M CERTAINLY NOT THE PARAGON OF GOOD YOU ALL SEEM TO THINK I AM.
AND ANYWAY, WE SHOULD HAVE COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO ARE LESS POPULAR AND HAVE LESS ATTRACTIVE REARS.
DON'T TRY TO PROTECT THAT JERK!
EVEN IF YOU HAVE FAULTS, YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON!!
...
OPERATION EXPOSE ERWIN SMITH AS A HORRIBLE VILLAIN: FAILED.
NOOO!
eyaaah!
Mr. Smith, don't quit!
HAH! WELL, PLAY YOUR LITTLE GOODBYE SCENE WITH YOUR WORSHIPERS WHILE YOU CAN!
AFTER ALL...
EVEN IF HE QUITS, THE RULES WILL STAY AS STRICT AS THEY ARE!!

HUH?!
WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
THEN WHAT IS MR. SMITH QUITTING FOR ANYWAY?!
WHY?! BECAUSE EVEN IF HE QUITS, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT TITANS WERE HURT!
THESE STRICT RULES ARE THE ONLY THING THAT WILL ENSURE THAT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
BESIDES, IT WAS ERWIN HIMSELF WHO HANDED IN HIS RESIGNATION!
AND ON QUITTING, HE MADE ONLY ONE REQUEST...
THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS RESIGNATION...
...THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB BE ALLOWED TO START THEIR ACTIVITIES AGAIN.
AH, YES...
RESIGNATION
HE SURE PUT US THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE!
BUT IF MY RESIGNATION WILL DO THAT MUCH, THEN...
HEY, SMITH !!

ALL OF YOU...!!
EREN!!
YOU THINK QUITTING WILL MAKE US EVEN?!
SO NOTHING!
AND SO...
AS YOU KNOW, I WAS BEHIND THE INCIDENT THAT BROUGHT THIS ALL ON.
THE SUSPENSION OF YOUR CLUB IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.
SUSPENSION
SMITH, YOU'RE...
...QUITTING THE SCHOOL?
HYAAH!!
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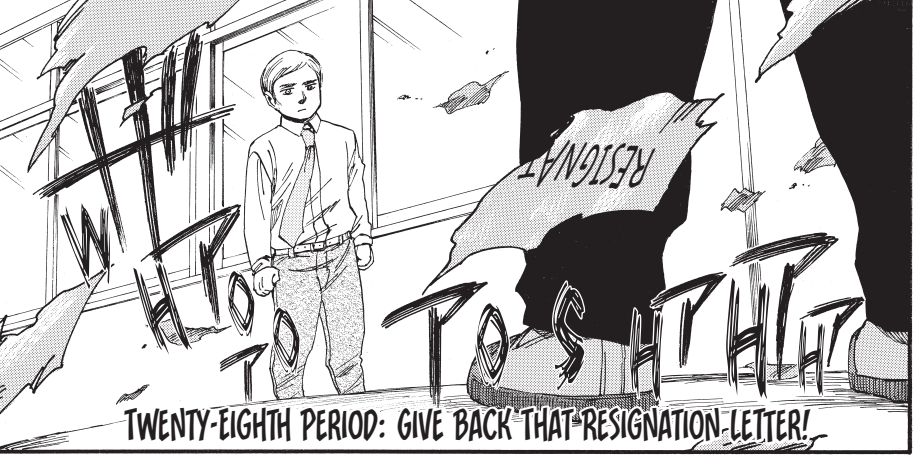
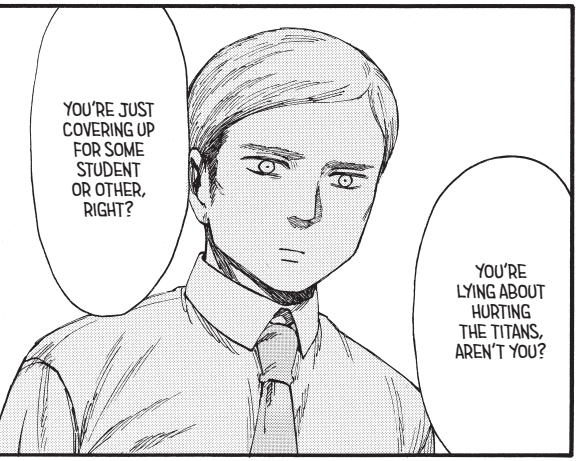
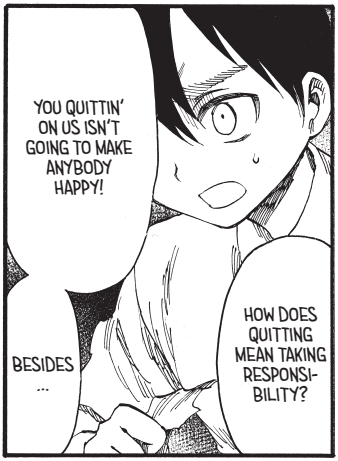
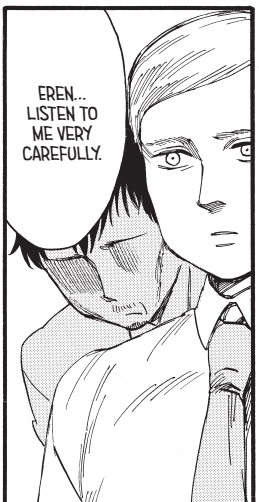


TWENTY-EIGHTH PERIOD: GIVE BACK THAT RESIGNATION LETTER!







WHAT IN ZOR-DON'S NAME DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
NILE...
...WHY WOULD YOU RIP UP THE GREAT-EST PIECE OF PAPER EVER WRITTEN... OH, MY SALVATION...
HE WAS FINALLY WILLING TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL OF HIS OWN ACCORD...
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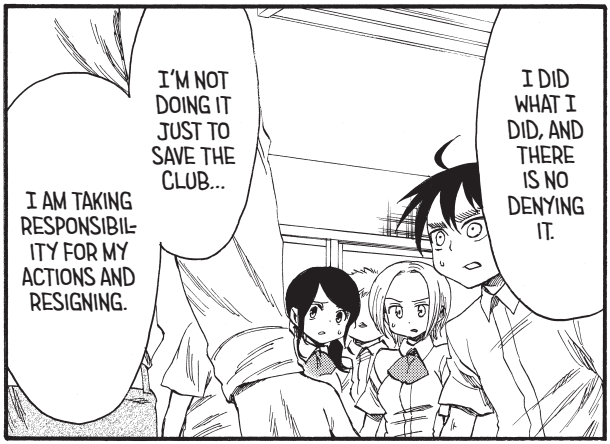
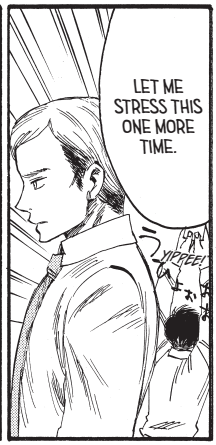
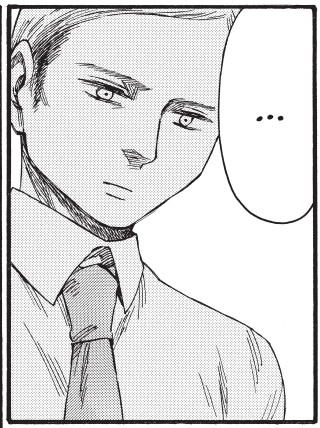
RESIGNATION
I WAS PREPARED FOR THIS POSSIBILITY.


I AM TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS AND RESIGNING.
I'M NOT DOING IT JUST TO SAVE THE CLUB...
I DID WHAT I DID, AND THERE IS NO DENYING IT.


LET ME STRESS THIS ONE MORE TIME.
LOOK AT YIFEEL

GRIP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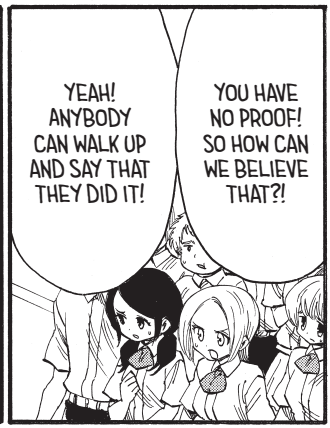
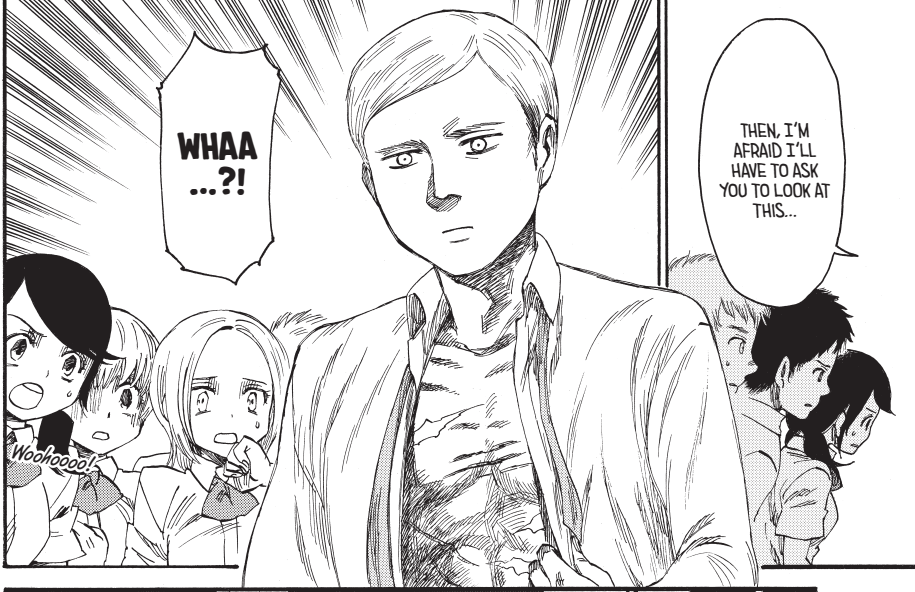
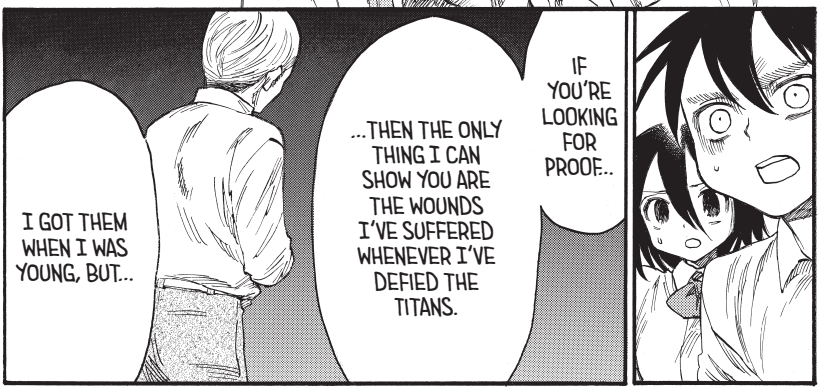
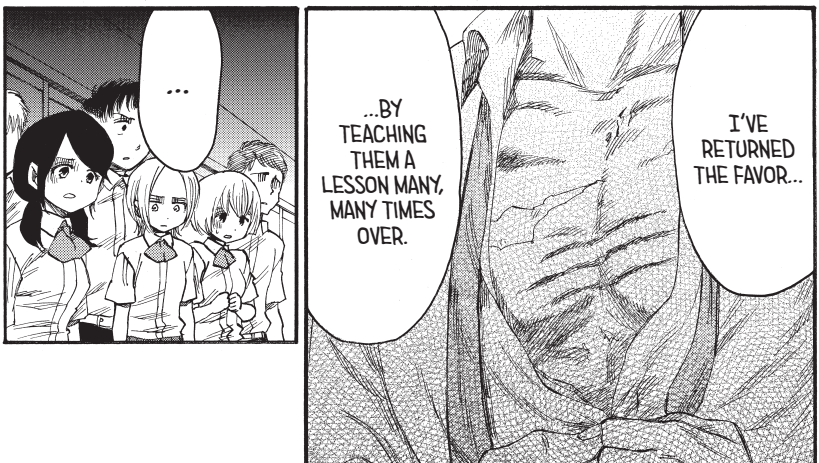

YEAH! ANYBODY CAN WALK UP AND SAY THAT THEY DID IT!
YOU HAVE NO PROOF! SO HOW CAN WE BELIEVE THAT?!


WHAA ...?!
Woohoooo!
THEN, I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LOOK AT THIS...

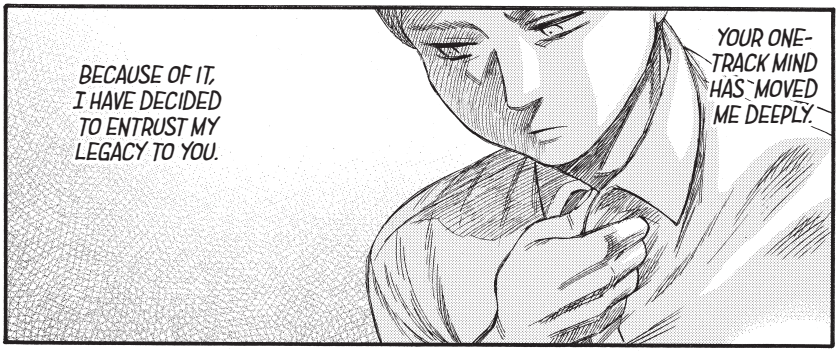

I GOT THEM WHEN I WAS YOUNG, BUT...
...THEN THE ONLY THING I CAN SHOW YOU ARE THE WOUNDS I'VE SUFFERED WHENEVER I'VE DEFIED THE TITANS.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR PROOF...


...
...BY TEACHING THEM A LESSON MANY, MANY TIMES OVER.
I'VE RETURNED THE FAVOR...

I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
I MEAN, WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS HURTING THE TITANS IN NOTHING MORE THAN A FAIR FIGHT!
WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO PRETEND TO BE A NICE GUY IN FRONT OF THEM THE REST OF THE TIME?!
BECAUSE IF I GAIN THE TRUST OF THOSE AROUND ME...
...IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR ME TO ACCOMPLISH MY GOALS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT MAKES IT EASIER?
YOU MEAN ALL THE NICE THINGS YOU'VE DONE HAVE ONLY BEEN TO KEEP YOUR REVENGE AGAINST THE TITANS A SECRET?
IS THAT REALLY IT, MR. SMITH...?!
SAY SOMETHING, PLEASE!!

THAT IS WHY I AM RESIGNING.
AND SO...
I'VE DECIDED NEVER TO LIE ABOUT MY ACTIONS TO ALL OF YOU.
EREN...

I'M LEAVING THE REST TO YOU.
I THINK THAT PERHAPS YOU COULD MANAGE TO CHANGE THIS SCHOOL.
HEY!
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?!
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT!
SO EXPLAIN IT!
IT SOUNDED IMPORTANT, BUT I'M REALLY NOT A GOOD LISTENER!
HEY, SMITH!!
EREN...


BECAUSE OF IT, I HAVE DECIDED TO ENTRUST MY LEGACY TO YOU.
YOUR ONE-TRACK MIND HAS MOVED ME DEEPLY.

WHOEVER HURT THE TITANS ARE THE BAD GUYS HERE!!
I MEAN, WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...!!
WELL I'M RUNNING OUT OF CHEEKS OVER HERE!!

BUT ONE DAY...
WHAM

OF COURSE, I MADE SURE I WOULDN'T BE FOUND OUT.
A MISBEHAVING TITAN WAS PLAYING "PIN THE RACCOON CARCASS ONTO THE HUMAN," SO I BEGAN PUNISHING THE TITANS IN KIND.
You stole another first-year student's bun, didn't you?
TWITCH
SHUFFLE
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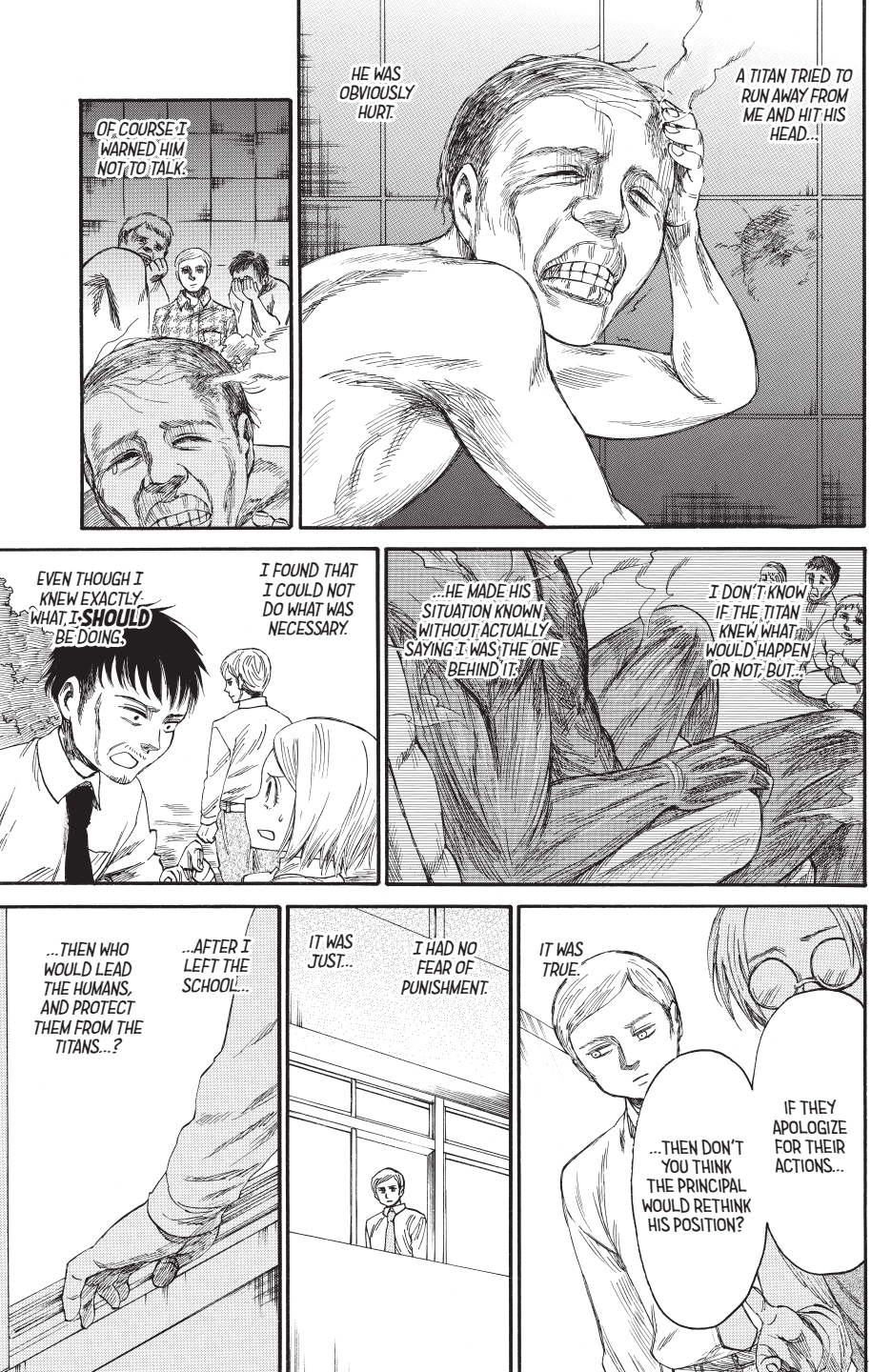
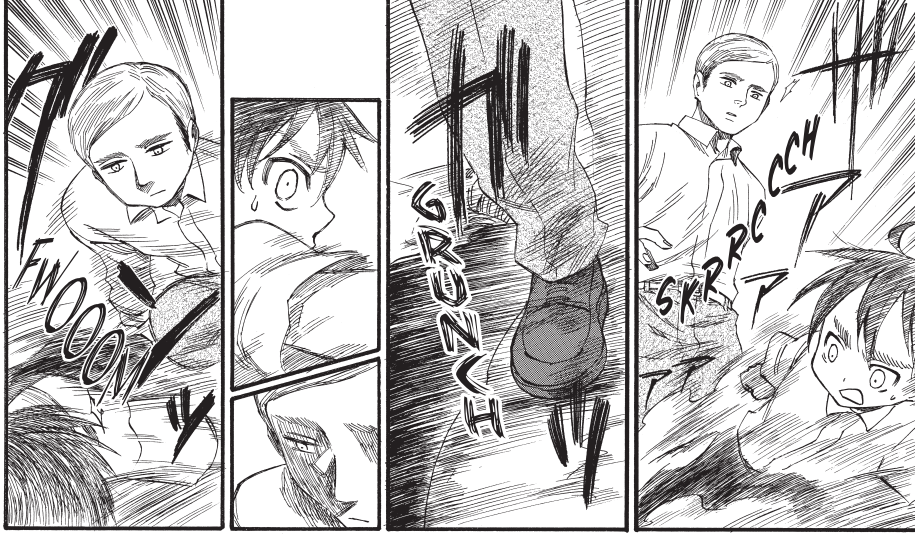
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE

IT WAS A TINY THING THAT TRIGGERED IT.


OF COURSE I WARNED HIM NOT TO TALK.
HE WAS OBVIOUSLY HURT.
A TITAN TRIED TO RUN AWAY FROM ME AND HIT HIS HEAD...
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW EXACTLY WHAT I SHOULD BE DOING,
I FOUND THAT I COULD NOT DO WHAT WAS NECESSARY.
...HE MADE HIS SITUATION KNOWN WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING I WAS THE ONE BEHIND IT.
I DON'T KNOW IF THE TITAN KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN OR NOT, BUT...
...THEN WHO WOULD LEAD THE HUMANS, AND PROTECT THEM FROM THE TITANS...?
...AFTER I LEFT THE SCHOOL...
IT WAS JUST...
I HAD NO FEAR OF PUNISHMENT.
IT WAS TRUE.
...THEN DON'T YOU THINK THE PRINCIPAL WOULD RETHINK HIS POSITION?
IF THEY APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR ACTIONS...

THE POINT IS, THEY STARTED IT, AND WE HUMANS MUST NEVER APOLOGIZE TO THEM!!
IF I LEAVE, THE TITANS WILL OVERRUN THE SCHOOL...
SUBMITTING TO THE TITANS IS THE ONE THING THAT I WILL NEVER DO!!
TRUE, I AM WILLING TO DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO GET THE WALL BEAUTIFICATION CLUB BACK.
EVEN SO...
EREN...

BUT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE...
YOU HAVE ALL THE TACT OF A RUTTING MULE DEER...
FOOM
GRAAAAAHHH
I CAN BET ON YOUR IDEALS...
WHA ...?!
DAM-MIT!!
WHOOSH
VOOSH


FWOOOM
GRUNCH
SKRRCCH

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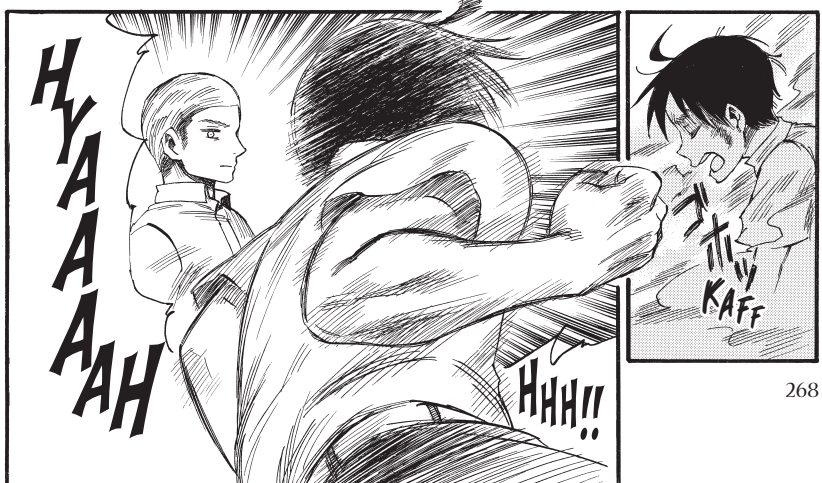
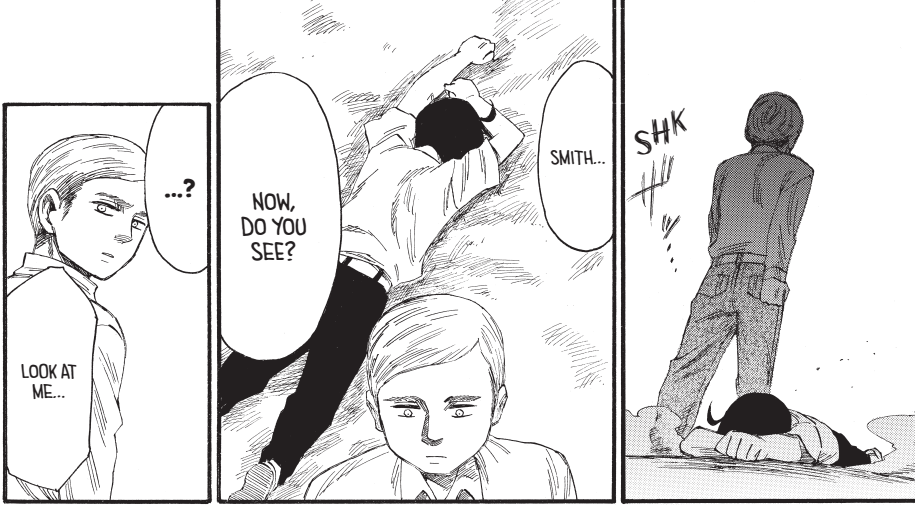
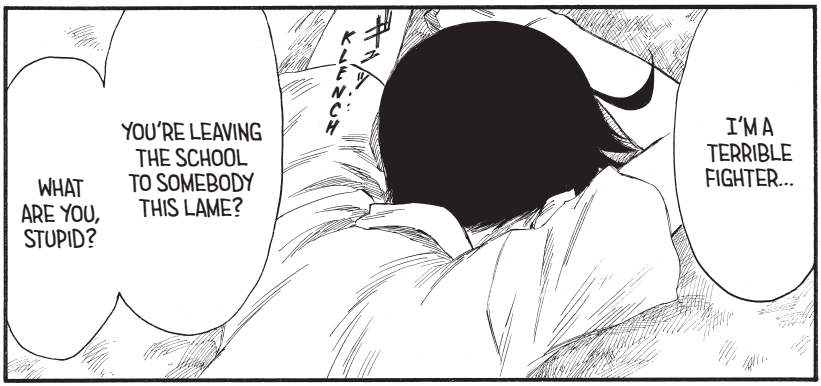
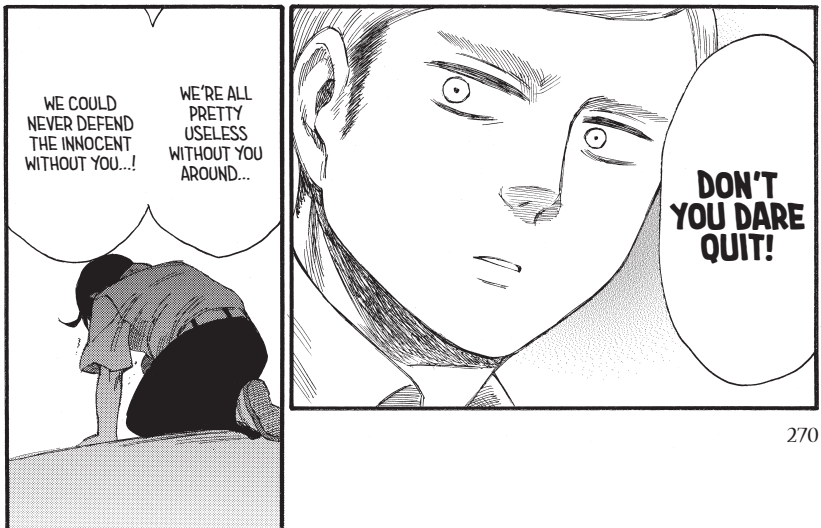
SSH


HYAAAAH
HHH!!
KAFF

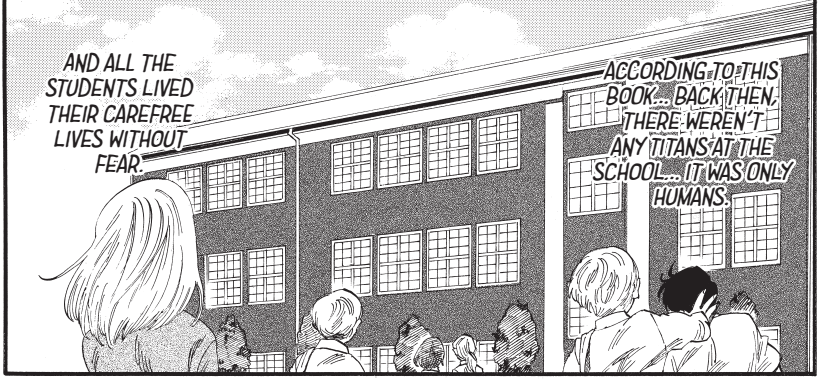
WOBBLE
SHUUP
BUMP
KI
WHUMP
HI

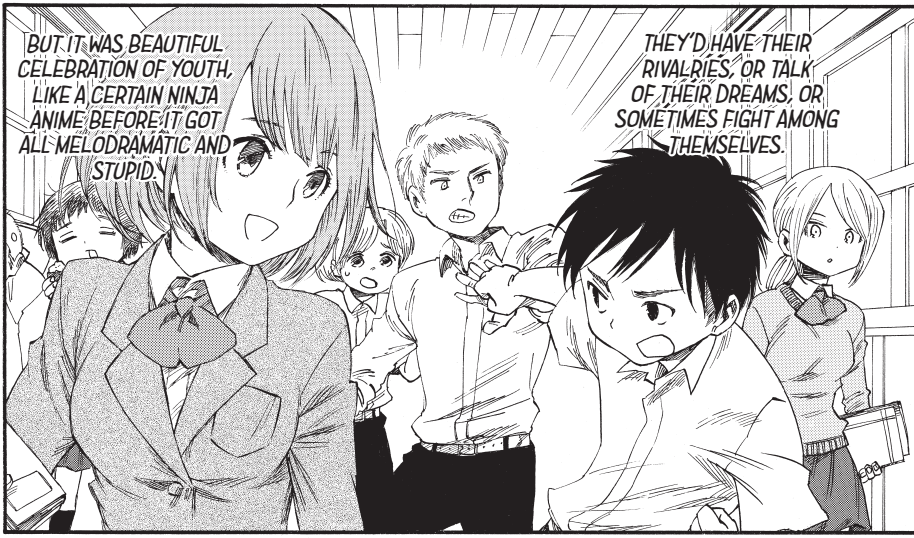

...?
LOOK AT ME...
NOW, DO YOU SEE?
SMITH...
SHK

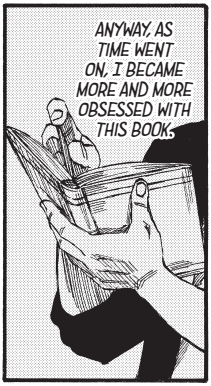

I'M A TERRIBLE FIGHTER...
KLENCH
YOU'RE LEAVING THE SCHOOL TO SOMEBODY THIS LAME?
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?

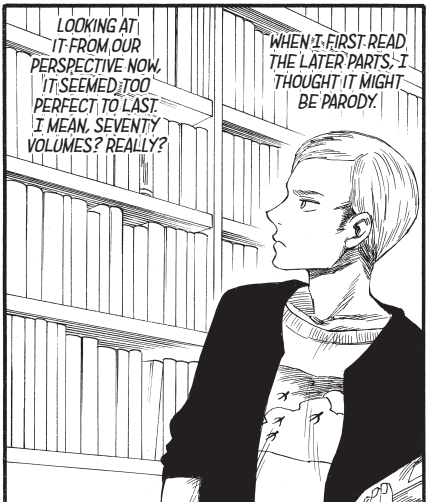

DON'T YOU DARE QUIT!
WE'RE ALL PRETTY USELESS WITHOUT YOU AROUND...
WE COULD NEVER DEFEND THE INNOCENT WITHOUT YOU...!

PLEASE!
DON'T QUIT!
SHF
...
A LONG TIME AGO...
WHEN I WAS STILL A STUDENT MYSELF, I READ A VERY OLD BOOK.
IT DESCRIBED THE LIVES THE STUDENTS OF TITAN JUNIOR HIGH USED TO LIVE.

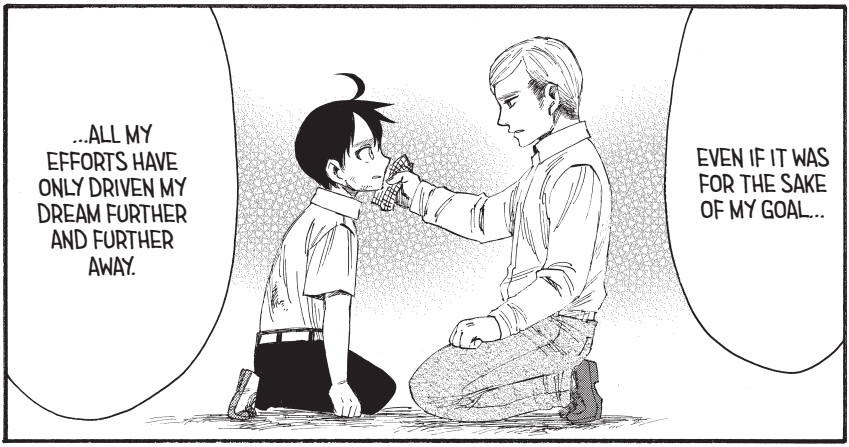

AND ALL THE STUDENTS LIVED THEIR CAREFREE LIVES WITHOUT FEAR.
ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK... BACK THEN, THERE WEREN'T ANY TITANS AT THE SCHOOL... IT WAS ONLY HUMANS.

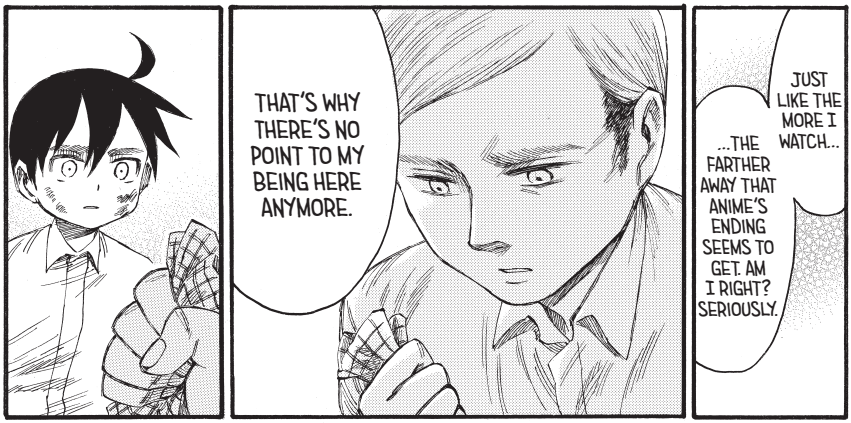

BUT IT WAS BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF YOUTH, LIKE A CERTAIN NINJA ANIME BEFORE IT GOT ALL MELODRAMATIC AND STUPID.
THEY'D HAVE THEIR RIVALRIES, OR TALK OF THEIR DREAMS, OR SOMETIMES FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES.

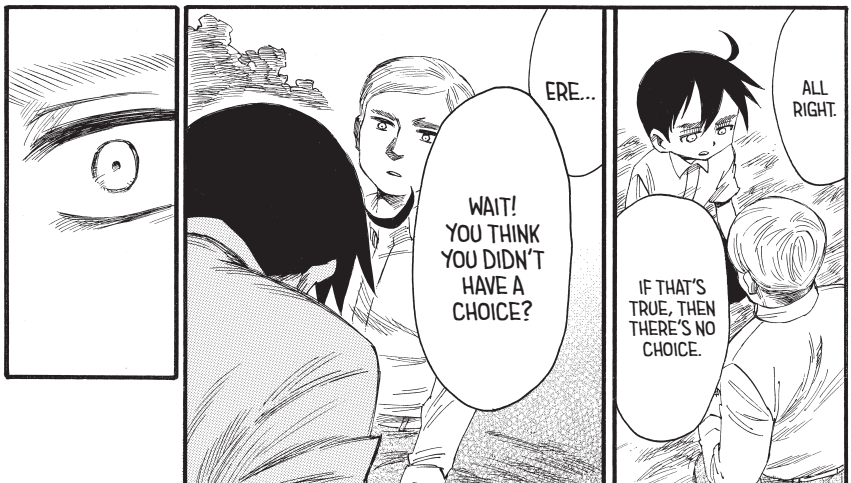

ANYWAY, AS TIME WENT ON, I BECAME MORE AND MORE OBSESSED WITH THIS BOOK.


LOOKING AT IT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE NOW, IT SEEMED TOO PERFECT TO LAST. I MEAN, SEVENTY VOLUMES? REALLY?
WHEN I FIRST READ THE LATER PARTS, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE PARODY.

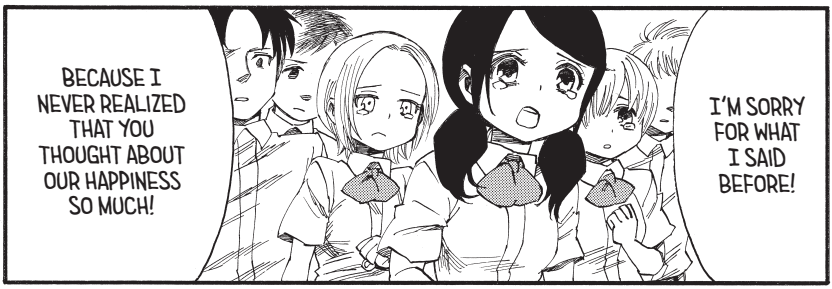
SO I DECIDED...
...I COULD BRING BACK THIS PARADISE ON EARTH!
AND I CAME TO THINK THAT, MAYBE, SOMEDAY...
I KEPT THIS IN MY HEART THE ENTIRE TIME I WORKED HERE AS A TEACHER.
AND I DIDN'T CARE HOW I REACHED MY GOAL AS LONG AS I WAS WORKING TOWARD IT.
...TO DRIVE OUT ALL OF THE TITANS...
...AND GIVE THE STUDENTS OF TITAN JUNIOR HIGH A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.
HOW-EVER...
SSTT...

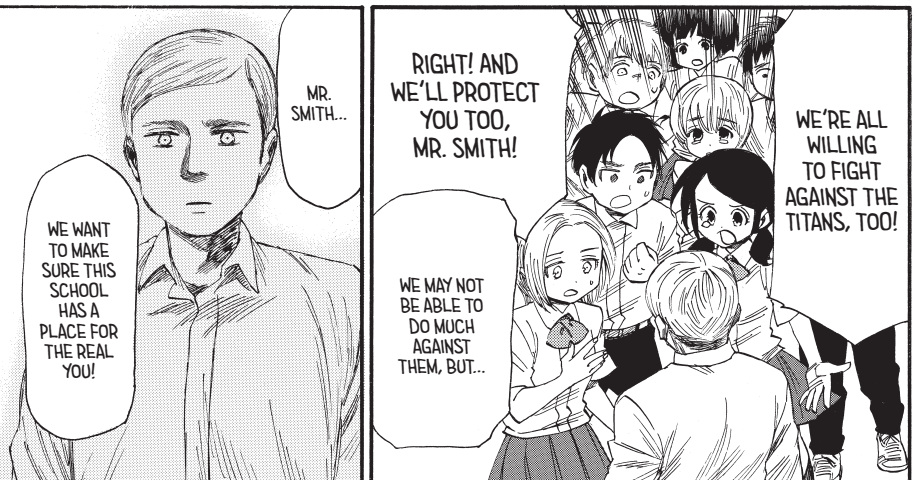

EVEN IF IT WAS FOR THE SAKE OF MY GOAL...
...ALL MY EFFORTS HAVE ONLY DRIVEN MY DREAM FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY.


JUST LIKE THE MORE I WATCH...
...THE FARTHER AWAY THAT ANIME'S ENDING SEEMS TO GET. AM I RIGHT? SERIOUSLY.
THAT'S WHY THERE'S NO POINT TO MY BEING HERE ANYMORE.

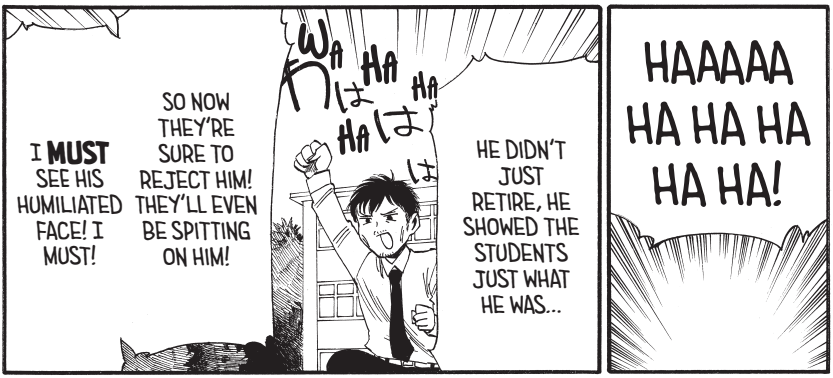

ALL RIGHT.
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN THERE'S NO CHOICE.
ERE...
WAIT! YOU THINK YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?! IT'S REALLY ENDING THIS TIME! HAPPY?!
...I MEAN, WE WON'T ALLOW YOU TO QUIT!


I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID BEFORE!
BECAUSE I NEVER REALIZED THAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT OUR HAPPINESS SO MUCH!


WE'RE ALL WILLING TO FIGHT AGAINST THE TITANS, TOO!
RIGHT! AND WE'LL PROTECT YOU TOO, MR. SMITH!
WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO MUCH AGAINST THEM, BUT...
MR. SMITH...
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS SCHOOL HAS A PLACE FOR THE REAL YOU!

YES, EVERY-ONE...
...LET US FIGHT THEM TOGETHER!


HAAAAA HA HA HA HA HA!
HE DIDN'T JUST RETIRE, HE SHOWED THE STUDENTS JUST WHAT HE WAS...
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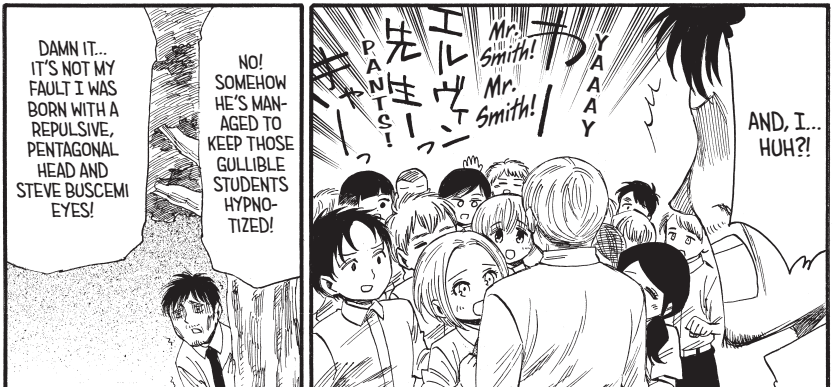
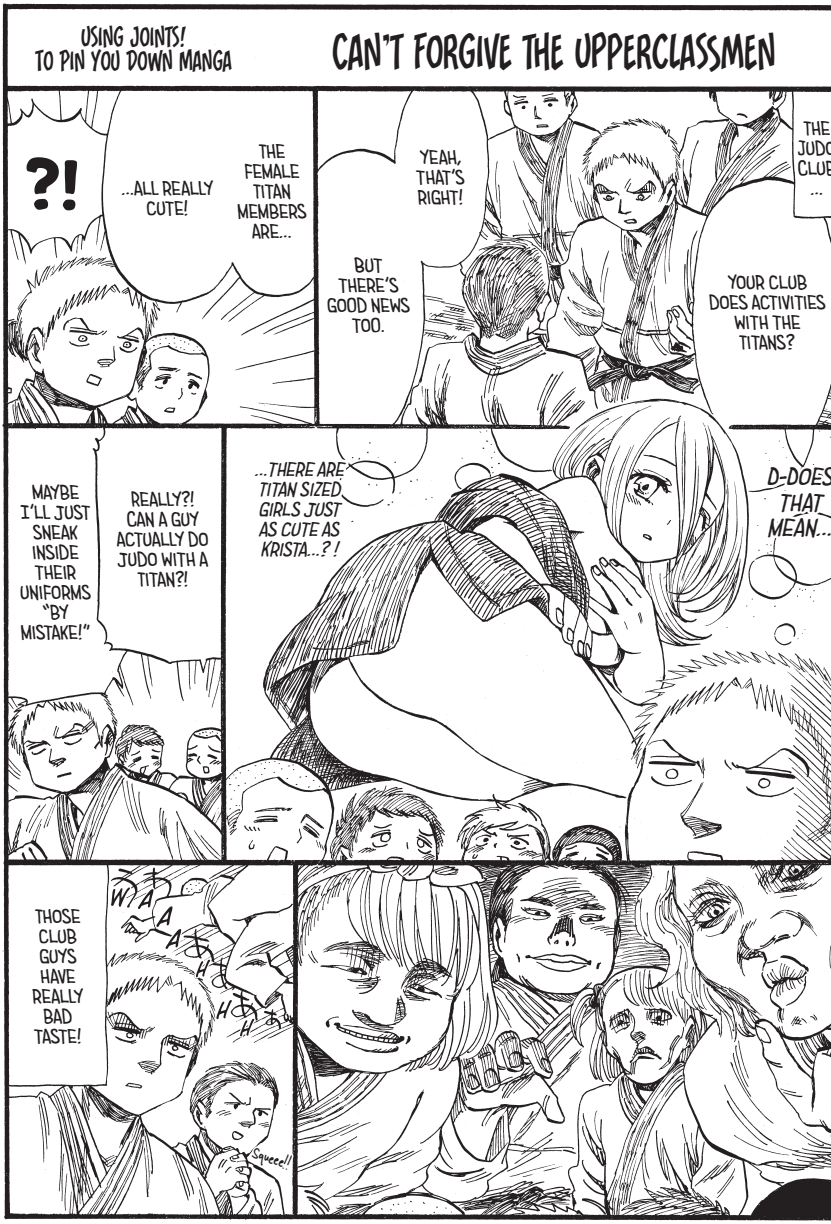
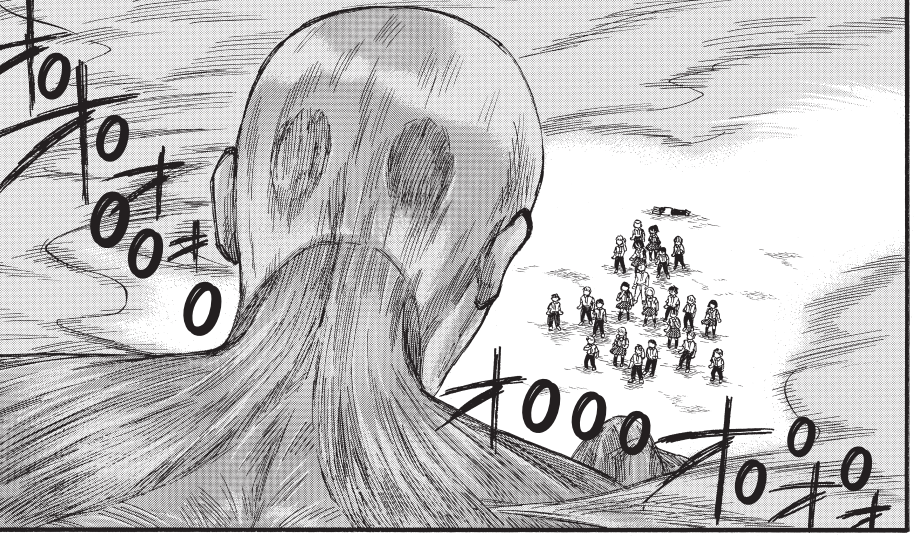
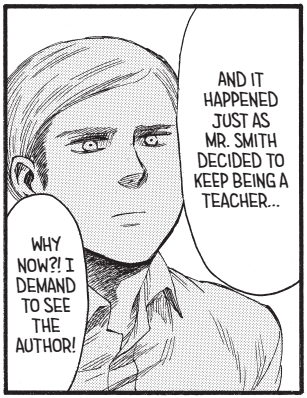
SO NOW THEY'RE SURE TO REJECT HIM! THEY'LL EVEN BE SPITTING ON HIM!
I MUST SEE HIS HUMILIATED FACE! I MUST!

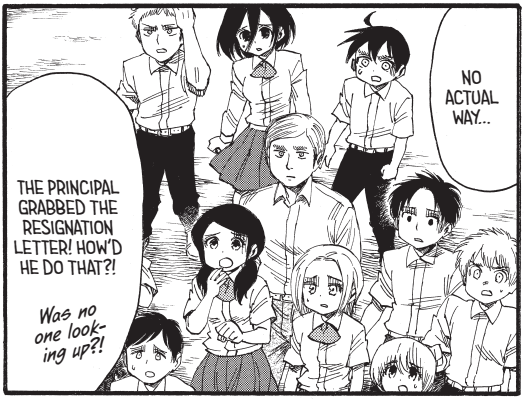

AND, I... HUH?!
YAAAY
Mr. Smith!
Mr. Smith!
エルヴィン先生ーっ
PANIC!
キャーっ
NO! SOMEHOW HE'S MANAGED TO KEEP THOSE GULLIBLE STUDENTS HYPNOTIZED!
DAMN IT... IT'S NOT MY FAULT I WAS BORN WITH A REPULSIVE, PENTAGONAL HEAD AND STEVE BUSCEMI EYES!

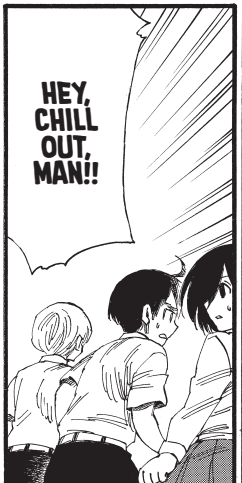
RESIGNATION
HEH! WELL, NO MATTER! THERE IS NO WAY THAT HE CAN STAY IN THIS SCHOOL ANY LONGER!
NOT WITH THE POWER OF THIS RESIGNATION LETTER!
HEY, YOU!
ALL I NEED TO DO IS GET THIS TO THE PRINCIPAL ...
MR. SMITH SAYS HE ISN'T QUITTING, SO GIVE THAT BACK!
GIVE IT BACK, YOU UGLY OLD CREEP!
YEAH, YOU POO-HEAD!
YOU WHALE PENIS !
YOU JUST WATCH YOUR MOUTHS! I HAVE NO POO ON MY HEAD, AND I'M NOT GIVING IT BACK!!
THWAK
PHEW! HE'S FINALLY QUIETED DOWN!
NOW TO GET THE RESIGNATION LATTER BA...
WAAAAH!!
O-OVER THERE!
THE PRINCIPAL IS HOLDING THE RESIGNATION LETTER!


USING JOINTS! TO PIN YOU DOWN MANGA
CAN'T FORGIVE THE UPPERCLASSMEN
?!
...ALL REALLY CUTE!
THE FEMALE TITAN MEMBERS ARE...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT THERE'S GOOD NEWS TOO.
THE JUDO CLUB ...
YOUR CLUB DOES ACTIVITIES WITH THE TITANS?
MAYBE I'LL JUST SNEAK INSIDE THEIR UNIFORMS "BY MISTAKE!"
REALLY?! CAN A GUY ACTUALLY DO JUDO WITH A TITAN?!
...THERE ARE TITAN SIZED GIRLS JUST AS CUTE AS KRISTA...?!
D-DOES THAT MEAN...
THOSE CLUB GUYS HAVE REALLY BAD TASTE!
WAAAHHHH
Squeee!!

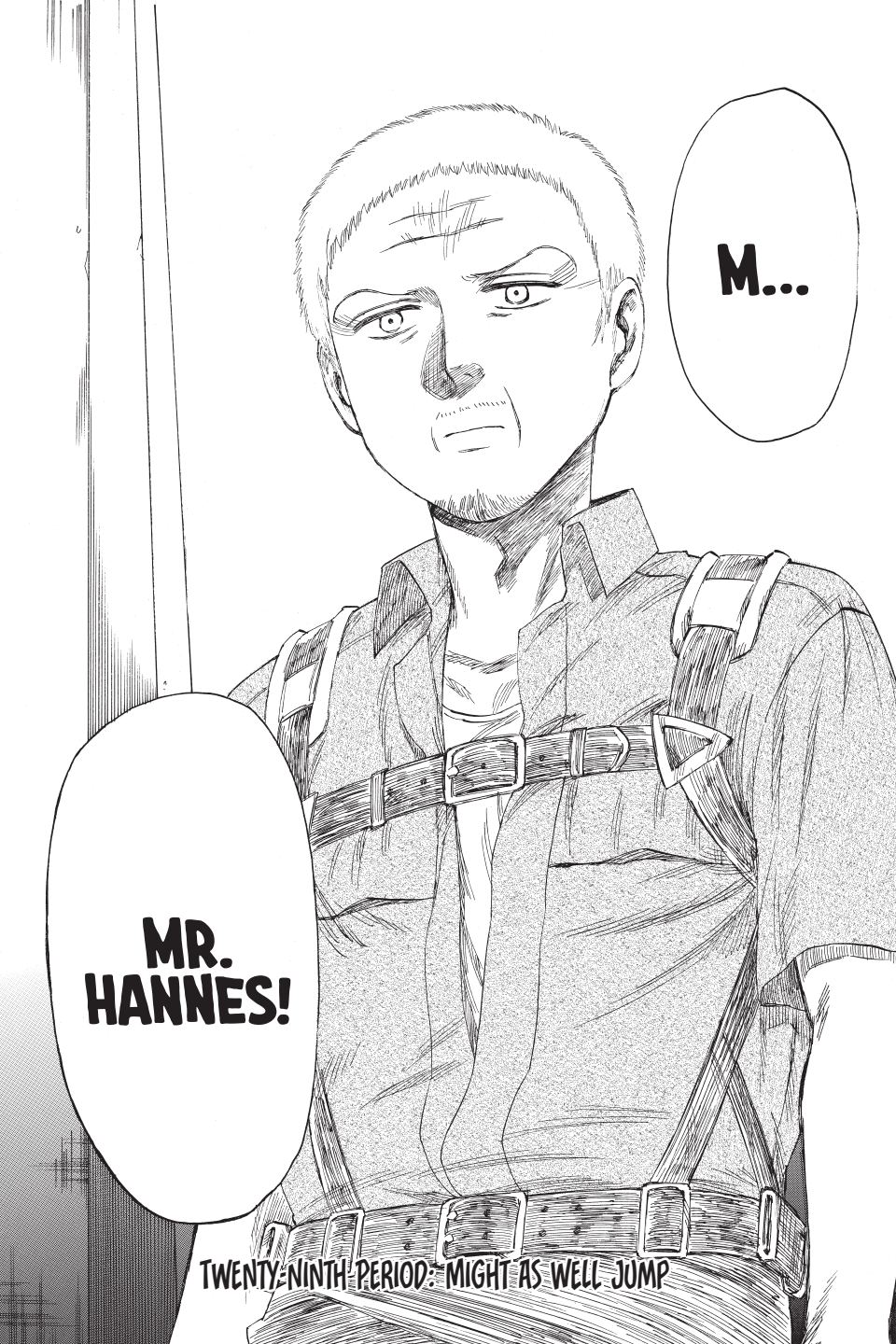



AND IT HAPPENED JUST AS MR. SMITH DECIDED TO KEEP BEING A TEACHER...
WHY NOW?! I DEMAND TO SEE THE AUTHOR!

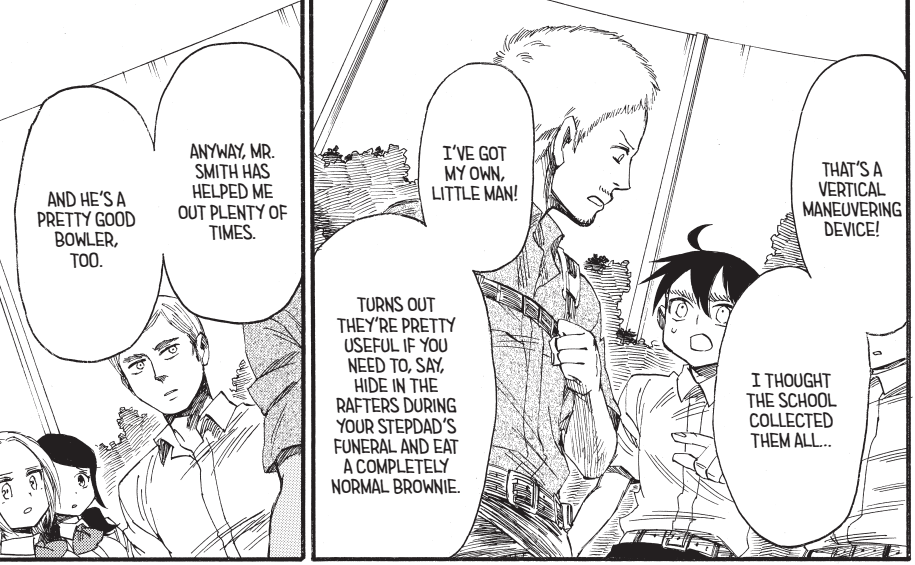

NO ACTUAL WAY...
THE PRINCIPAL GRABBED THE RESIGNATION LETTER! HOW'D HE DO THAT?!
Was no one looking up?!

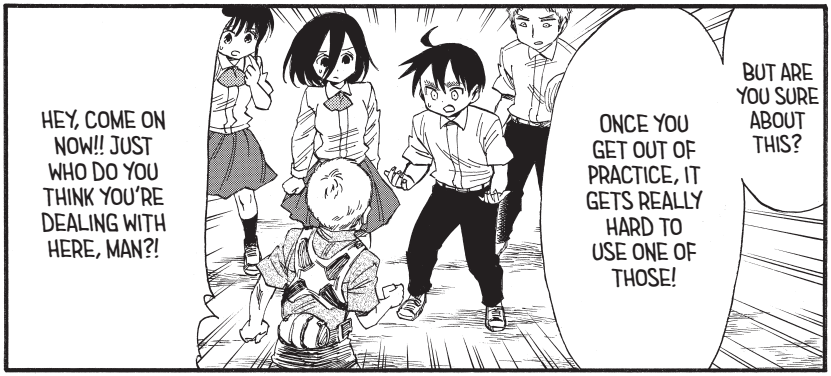

HEY, CHILL OUT, MAN!!

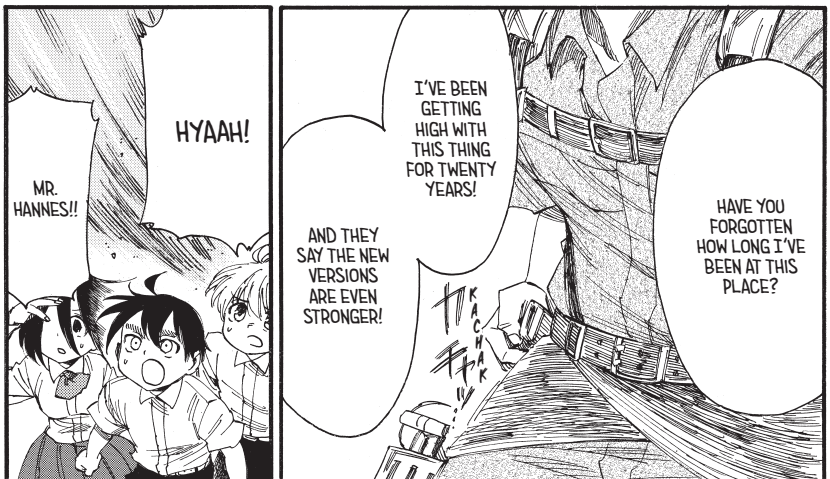
WE JUST HAVE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN! TRY TO THINK UP A WAY TO GET ME UP TO THE PRINCIPAL!!
I'LL GET IT BACK!!
EREN ?!

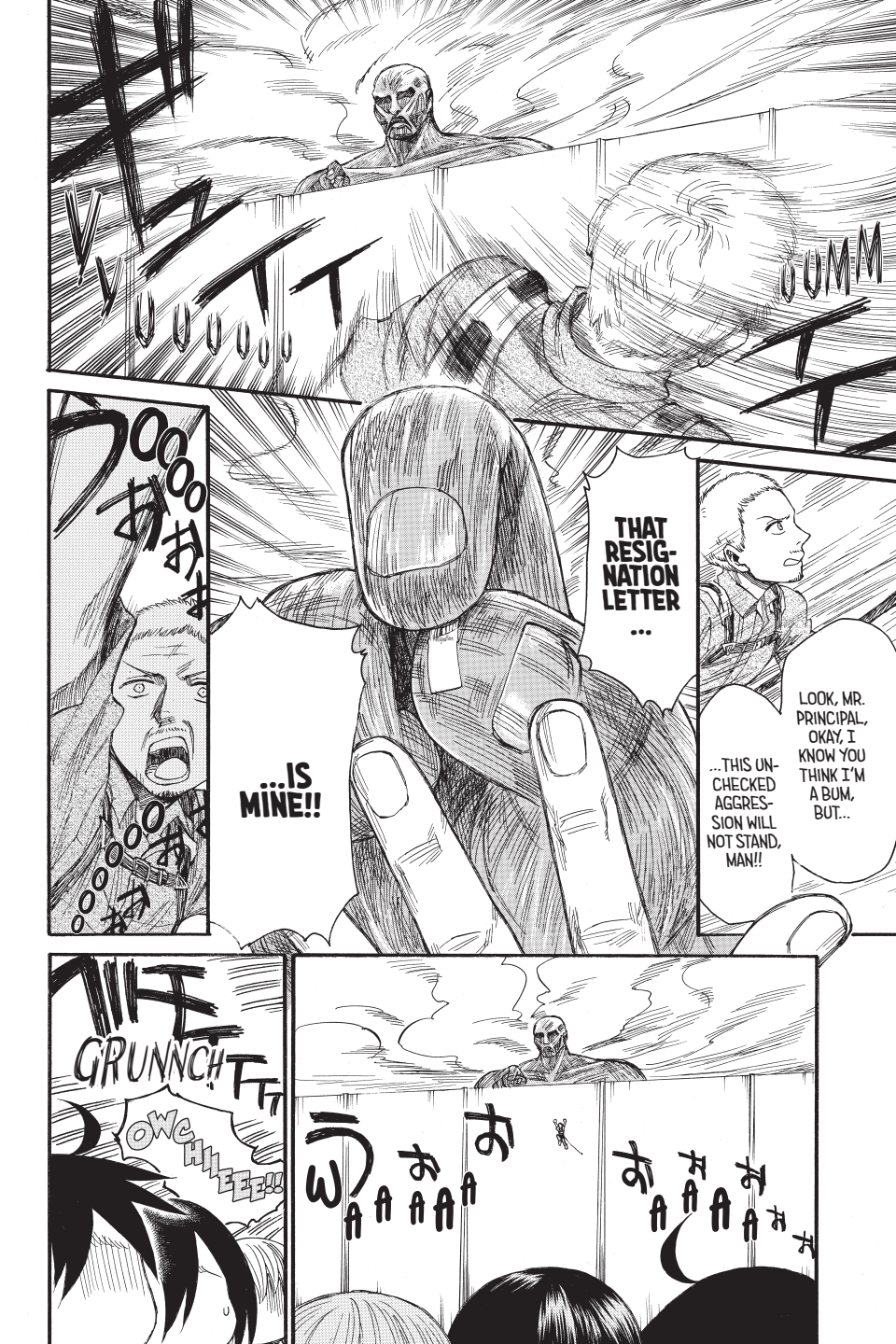


TWENTY-NINTH PERIOD: MIGHT AS WELL JUMP


THAT'S A VERTICAL MANEUVERING DEVICE!
I THOUGHT THE SCHOOL COLLECTED THEM ALL...
I'VE GOT MY OWN, LITTLE MAN!
TURNS OUT THEY'RE PRETTY USEFUL IF YOU NEED TO, SAY, HIDE IN THE RAFTERS DURING YOUR STEPDAD'S FUNERAL AND EAT A COMPLETELY NORMAL BROWNIE.
ANYWAY, MR. SMITH HAS HELPED ME OUT PLENTY OF TIMES.
AND HE'S A PRETTY GOOD BOWLER, TOO.

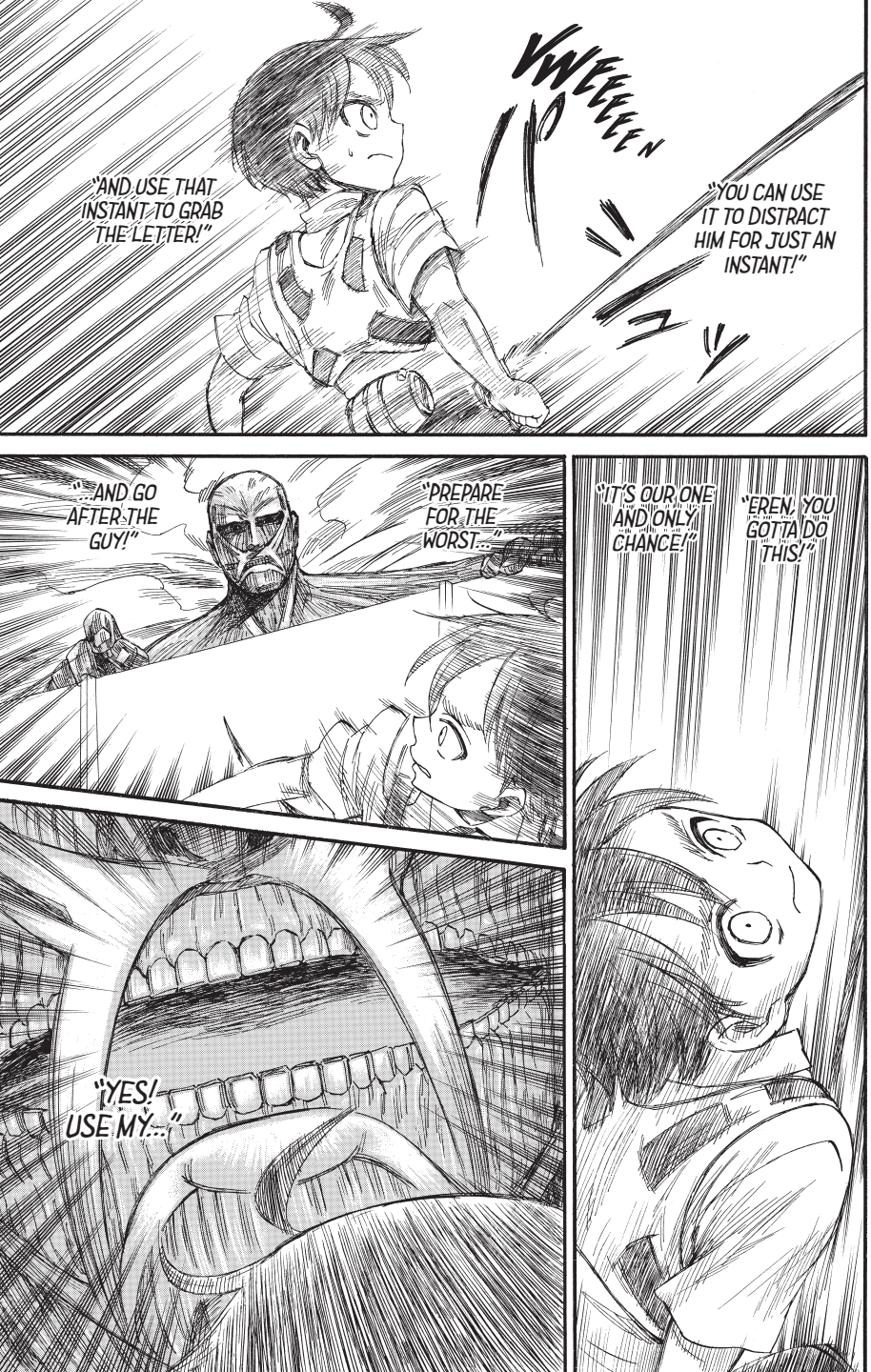

BUT ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
ONCE YOU GET OUT OF PRACTICE, IT GETS REALLY HARD TO USE ONE OF THOSE!
HEY, COME ON NOW!! JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH HERE, MAN?!


HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW LONG I'VE BEEN AT THIS PLACE?
KACHAK
I'VE BEEN GETTING HIGH WITH THIS THING FOR TWENTY YEARS!
AND THEY SAY THE NEW VERSIONS ARE EVEN STRONGER!
HYAAH!
MR. HANNES!!

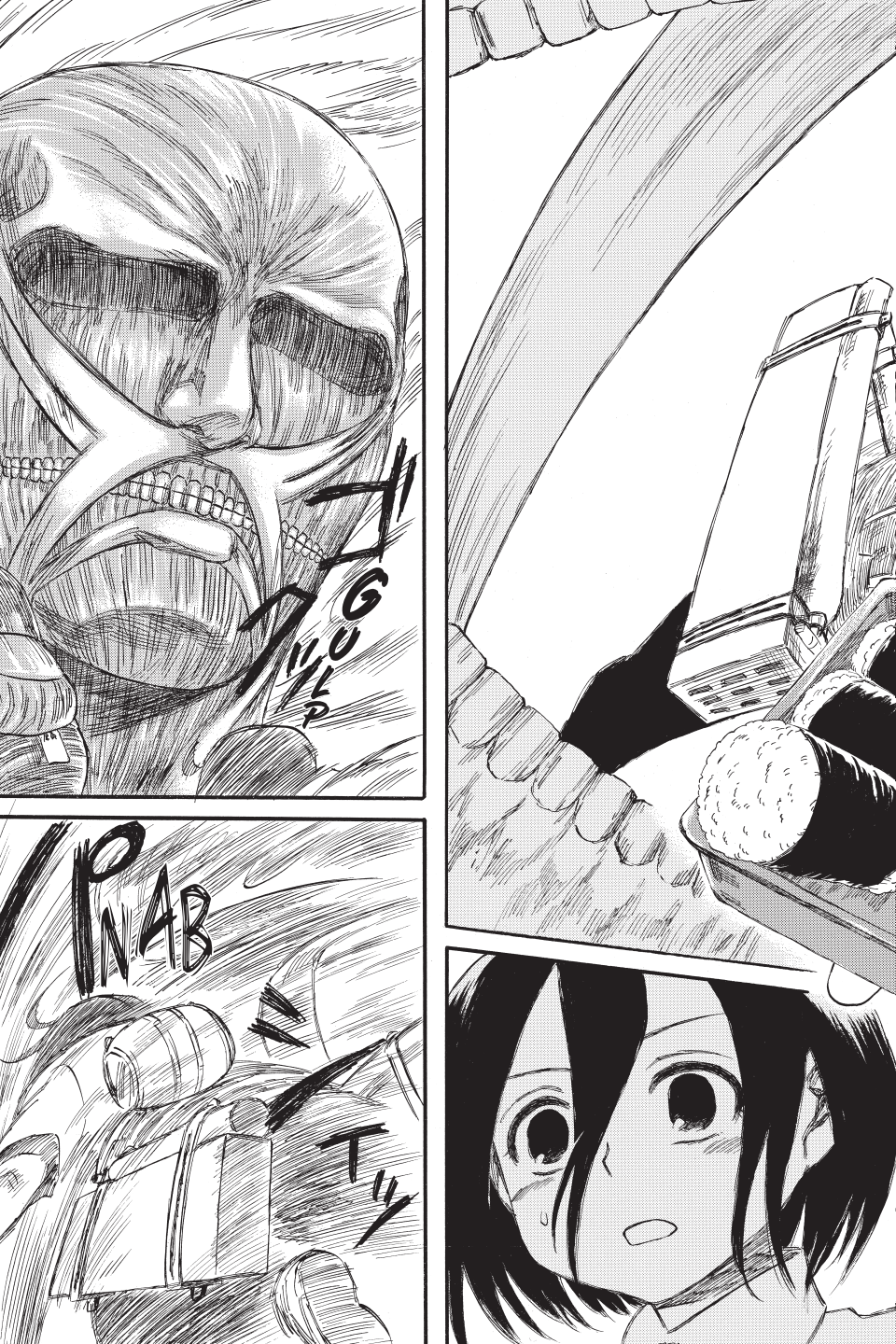

VRUUUUUUT
GUMM
うおおおお
THAT RESIG-NATION LETTER ...
...IS MINE!!
LOOK, MR. PRINCIPAL, OKAY, I KNOW YOU THINK I'M A BUM, BUT...
...THIS UN-CHECKED AGGRES-SION WILL NOT STAND, MAN!!
GRUNNCH
OWCHHHEEE!!!
うおおお

MR. HANNES, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
HE DIDN'T EVEN GET CLOSE!
OKAY, SO MAYBE I HAVEN'T PRACTICED FOR TWO OR FIFTEEN YEARS, BUT WHEN YOU FALL OFF A HORSE, YOU GET BACK ON...
YOU JUST FELL OFF A BUILDING!!
YOUR REVOLUTION IS OVER, MR. HANNES!! IT'S OUR TURN, NOW!!
BUT... THIS GEAR IS THE ONLY WAY TO LET US EVEN GET CLOSE TO THE PRINCIPAL!
WHO'D BE FOOL-HARDY ENOUGH TO...
DID SOME-ONE SAY FOOL?
GRRN
EREN!!
JUMP

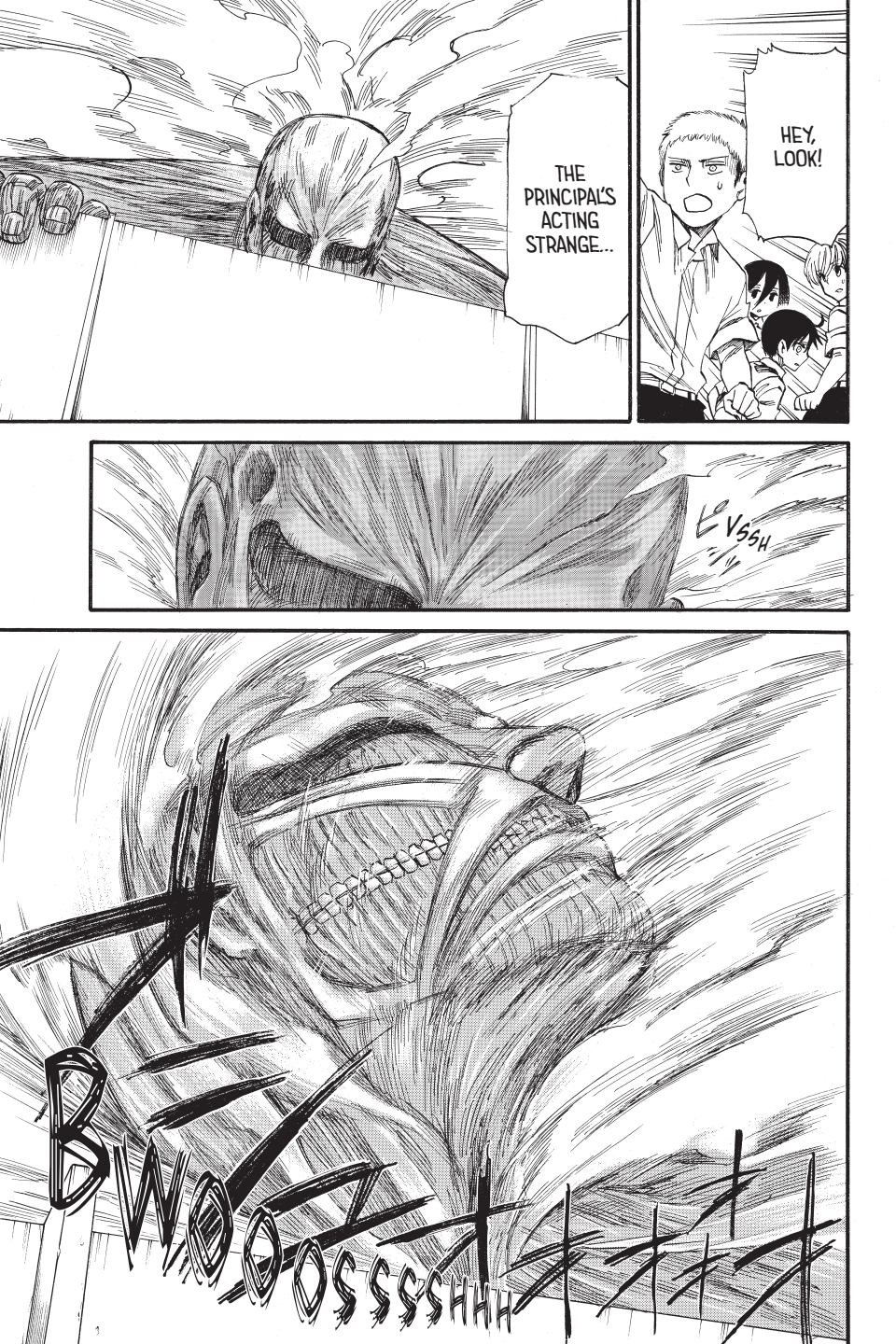
I'LL GET THE LETTER, BUT WHILE I'M AT IT, I'M GONNA ROUGH HIM UP GOOD!
BESIDES, THERE'S A LOT I WANT TO SAY TO THIS GUY!!
EREN, WAIT!!
WHAT ?!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU, MR. HANNES! I KNOW HOW TO USE THIS THING!
YEAH, I FIGURED, OKAY?
BUT JUST HOLD ON A SECOND!
WHEN I GOT CLOSE TO THE PRINCIPAL, THERE WAS SOMETHING I NOTICED.
THERE'S SOMETHING HE WANTS, AND I THINK IT'S THIS!
Y-YOU'RE REALLY ENTRUSTING THAT TO ME?
YEAH, I AM!


"AND USE THAT INSTANT TO GRAB THE LETTER!"
VWEEEEEN
"YOU CAN USE IT TO DISTRACT HIM FOR JUST AN INSTANT!"
"...AND GO AFTER THE GUY!"
"PREPARE FOR THE WORST..."
"IT'S OUR ONE AND ONLY CHANCE!"
"EREN, YOU GOTTA DO THIS!"
"YES! USE MY..."

...
"DEFINITELY TOTALLY NORMAL" BOX LUNCH!!

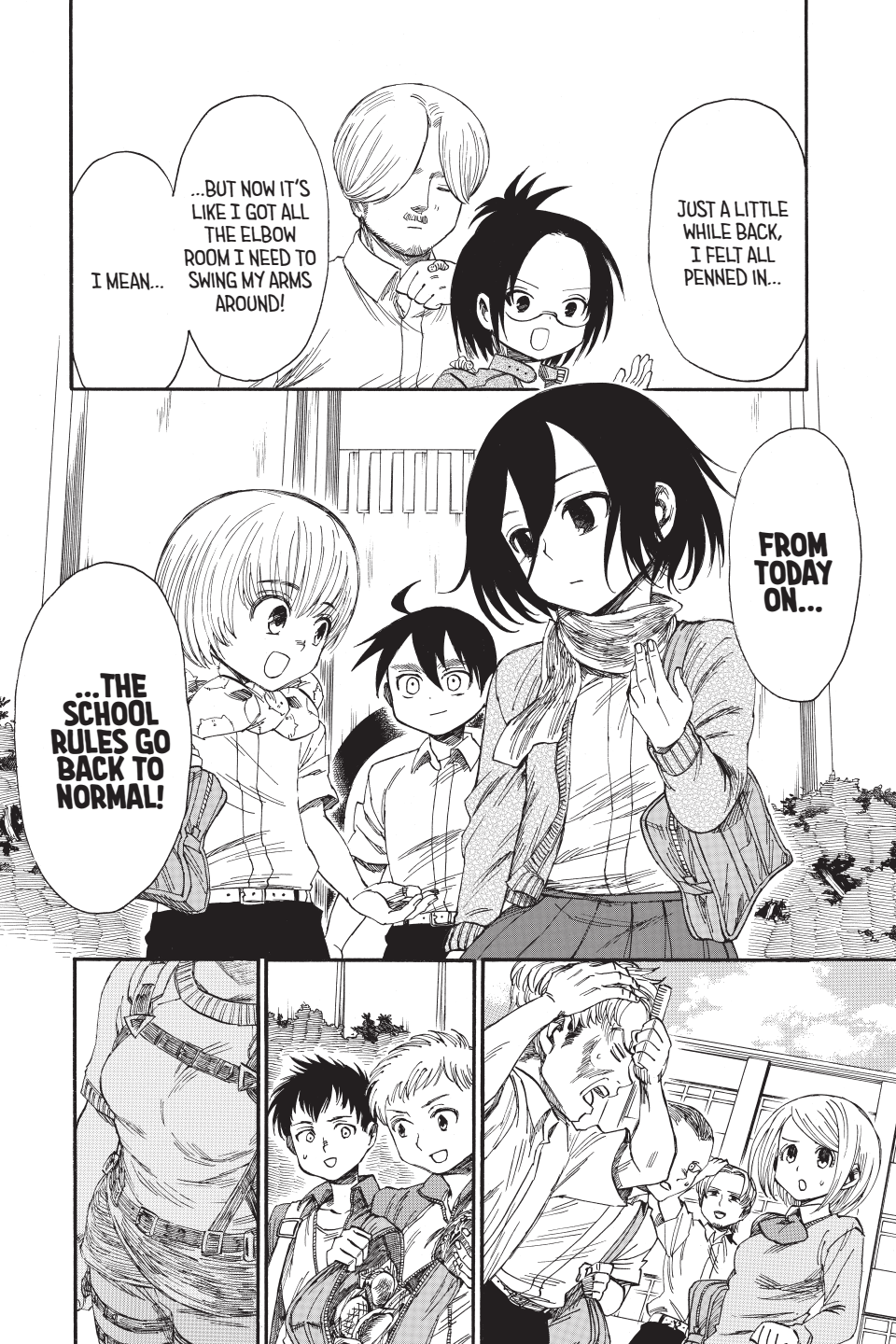

HGUUP
PNAB

ZWOOOOSSH
EREN!!
HEY, YOU MANAGED IT!
RESIGNATION
HEH HEH...
OKAY, YOU MIGHT HAVE LOOKED A LITTLE TINY BIT COOL DOING THAT!
MR. SMITH!!
I GOT IT BACK FOR YOU!
RESIGNATION
SO I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE TALK ABOUT QUITTING!

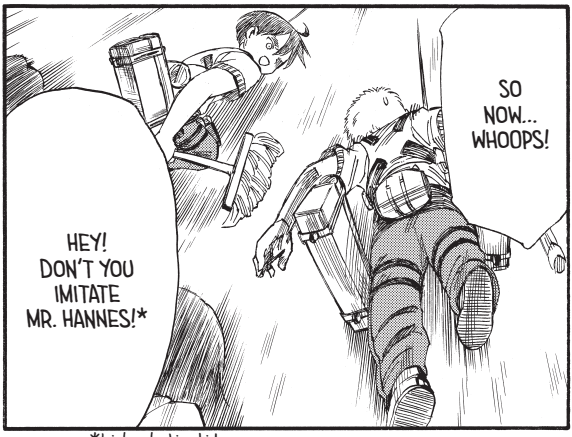

THE PRINCIPAL'S ACTING STRANGE...
HEY, LOOK!
VSSSH
BWOOOSSSSHHH

THE PRINCI-PAL...
...VANISHED IN A PUFF OF SMOKE...?
And the smoke smells kinda weird.

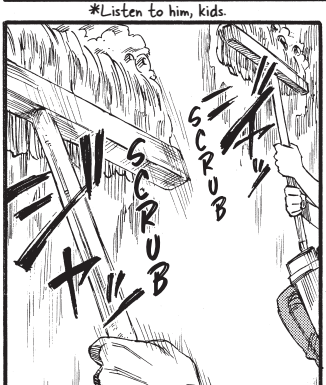
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE THE PRINCIPAL VANISHED...
Huh... That's a strange thing to say out of the blue.
YAWWN...
SHK
AH HA HA! WHAT ELSE DO YOU EXPECT?!
YOU SEEM TO BE IN A GOOD MOOD THIS MORNING.
AH, PIGGY AND THE PEABRAIN! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
IT'S MIKE AND HANGE!
OH, HEY!

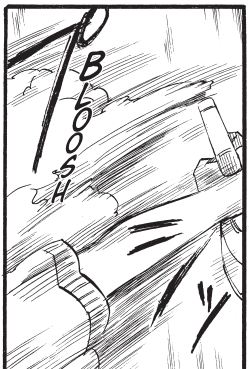

JUST A LITTLE WHILE BACK, I FELT ALL PENNED IN...
...BUT NOW IT'S LIKE I GOT ALL THE ELBOW ROOM I NEED TO SWING MY ARMS AROUND!
I MEAN...
FROM TODAY ON...
...THE SCHOOL RULES GO BACK TO NORMAL!

FORGIVE ME. WE'VE BEEN APART FOR FAR TOO LONG, AND IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.
AND BOY DO YOU NEED A BATH!
NOTHING!
STILL, FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE TOGETHER, AND NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US!
MS. RICO!
...LOOK AFTER YOU TOO.
BECAUSE THEY CAN...
...YOU'LL BE OKAY, WON'T YOU?
EVEN WITHOUT ME AROUND...



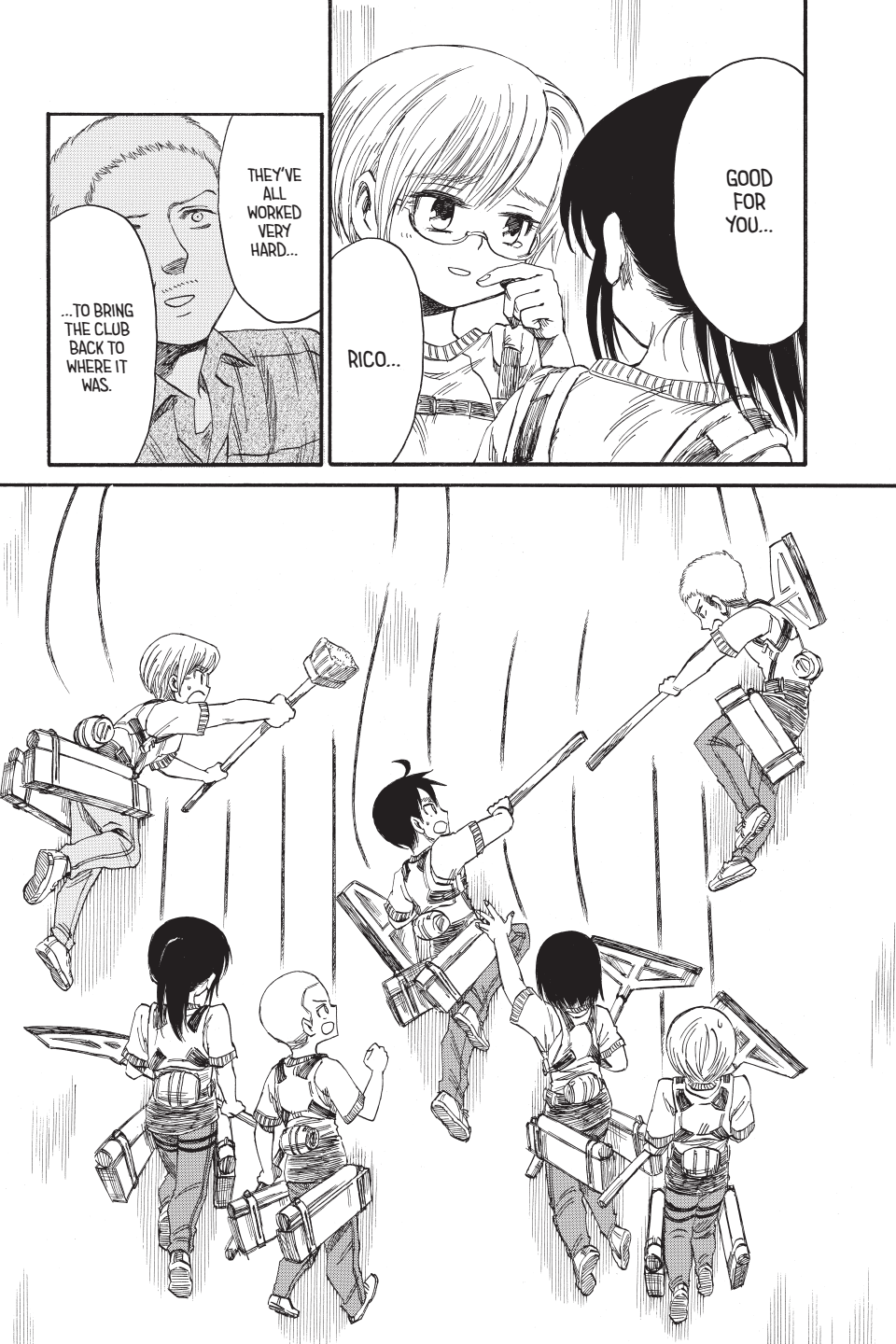
*Listen to him, kids.

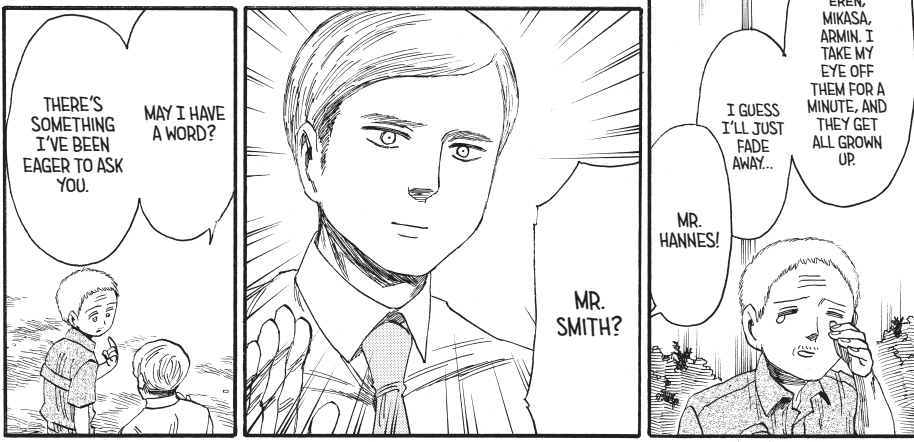


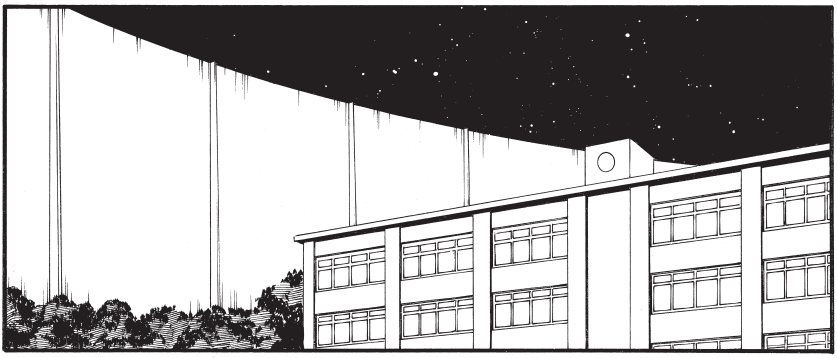


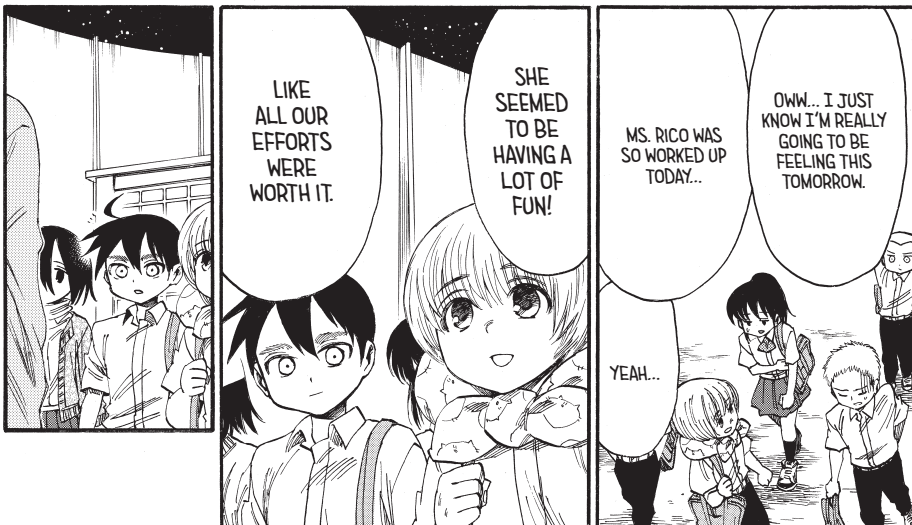
SQUEEEK
IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE FOREVER SINCE WE DID THIS...
IT'S WAY MORE WORK THAN I REMEMBERED.
YEAH, AND WAY LESS FUN...
WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE JABBERING ABOUT?!
NONE OF YOU ARE PUTTING ANY ELBOW GREASE INTO IT!!
YOU'RE LEAVING STREAKS ALL OVER THAT SECTION!
THAT AREA'S NOWHERE NEAR CLEAN ENOUGH!!

GO BACK TO THE START AND DO IT OVER!
Wait, now I remember! Cleaning this wall sucks donkey scrote!
OHHH! THEY'RE AT IT ALREADY.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE RICO HAS RUN THE CLUB, BUT SHE HASN'T CHANGED.
HM...?
OR MAYBE...


GOOD FOR YOU...
RICO...
THEY'VE ALL WORKED VERY HARD...
...TO BRING THE CLUB BACK TO WHERE IT WAS.


EREN, MIKASA, ARMIN. I TAKE MY EYE OFF THEM FOR A MINUTE, AND THEY GET ALL GROWN UP.
I GUESS I'LL JUST FADE AWAY...
MR. HANNES!
MR. SMITH?
MAY I HAVE A WORD?
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN EAGER TO ASK YOU.




OWW... I JUST KNOW I'M REALLY GOING TO BE FEELING THIS TOMORROW.
MS. RICO WAS SO WORKED UP TODAY...
YEAH...
SHE SEEMED TO BE HAVING A LOT OF FUN!
LIKE ALL OUR EFFORTS WERE WORTH IT.

MR. SMITH!
GOOD WORK AT YOUR CLUB, EVERYONE.
DIDN'T THE SURVEY CLUB HAVE TODAY OFF...?
YES. I JUST WANTED A QUICK WORD WITH YOU.
A FEW MOMENTS AGO, I WAS TALKING TO MR. HANNES...
...DISCUSSING WHY THE PRINCIPAL WENT DOWN THAT DAY.
I WANT TO KNOW TOO!
WHY WOULD THE PRINCIPAL VANISH FROM JUST EATING A BOXED LUNCH?!
UH... WHEN MR. HANNES USED THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR...
...HE HEARD A SOUND FROM THE AREA AROUND THE WALL, AND UNDERSTOOD IT.
A SOUND?
THE SOUND OF THE PRINCIPAL'S STOMACH RUMBLING.
GRGL
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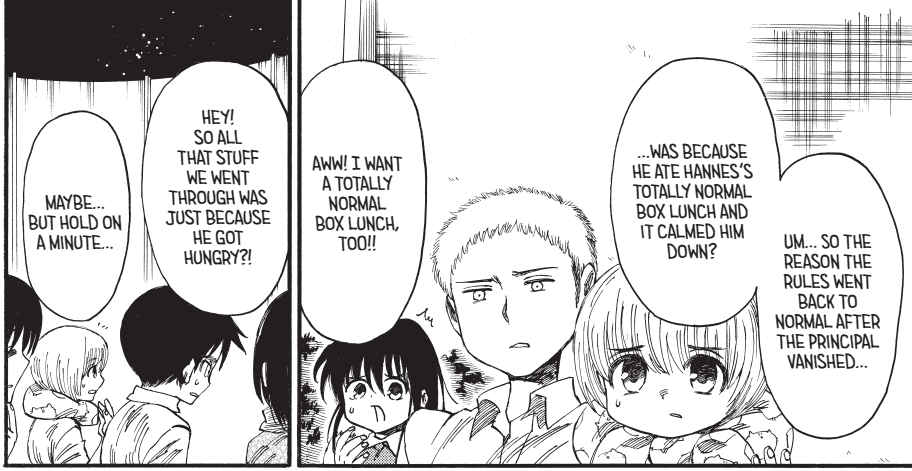
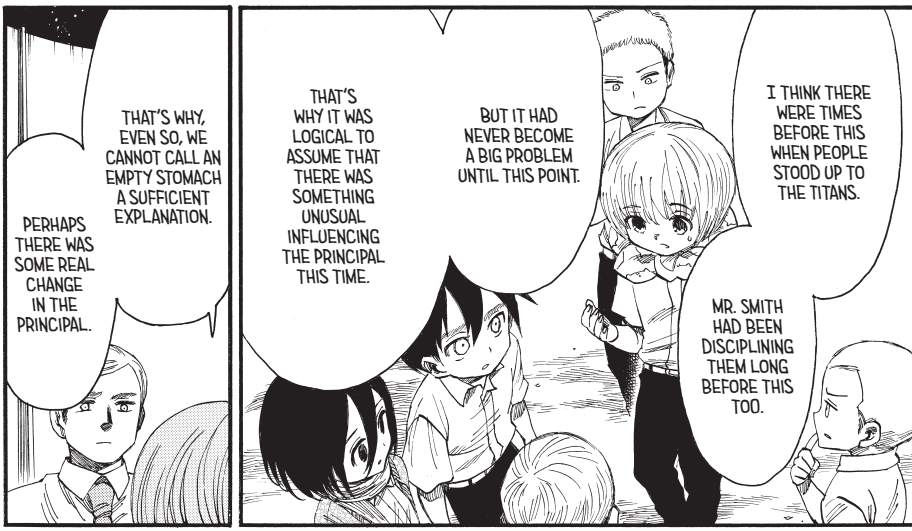
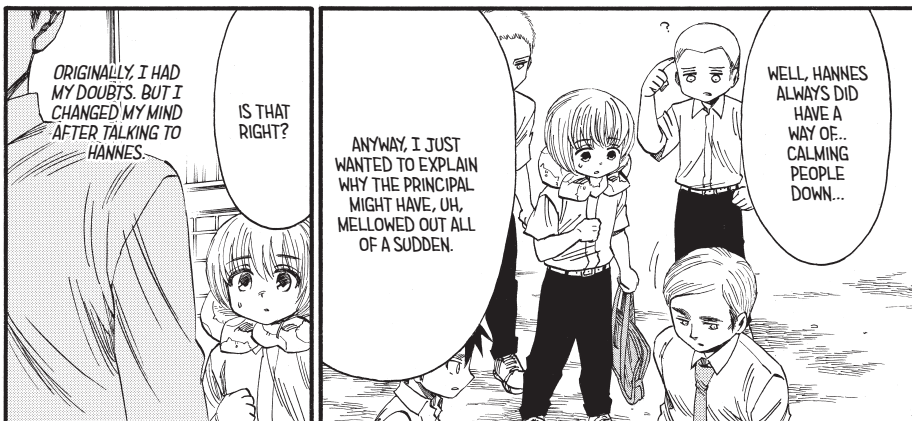
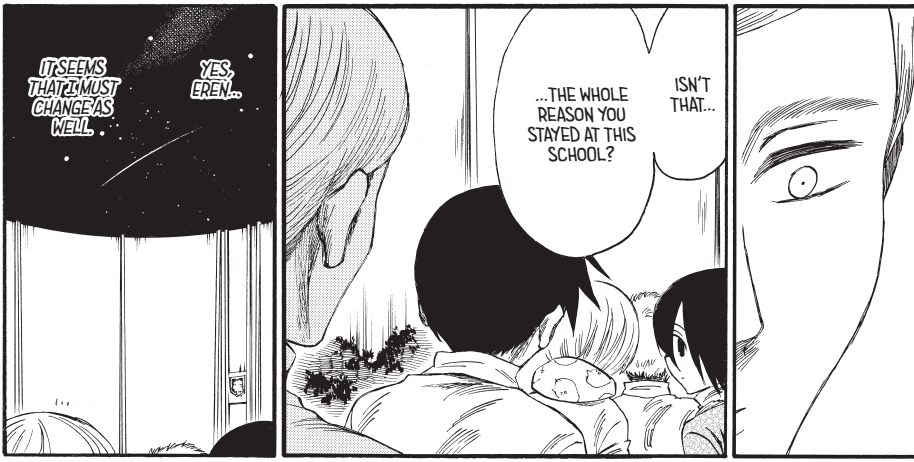

UM... SO THE REASON THE RULES WENT BACK TO NORMAL AFTER THE PRINCIPAL VANISHED...
...WAS BECAUSE HE ATE HANNES'S TOTALLY NORMAL BOX LUNCH AND IT CALMED HIM DOWN?
AWW! I WANT A TOTALLY NORMAL BOX LUNCH, TOO!!
HEY! SO ALL THAT STUFF WE WENT THROUGH WAS JUST BECAUSE HE GOT HUNGRY?!
MAYBE... BUT HOLD ON A MINUTE...


I THINK THERE WERE TIMES BEFORE THIS WHEN PEOPLE STOOD UP TO THE TITANS.
MR. SMITH HAD BEEN DISCIPLINING THEM LONG BEFORE THIS TOO.
BUT IT HAD NEVER BECOME A BIG PROBLEM UNTIL THIS POINT.
THAT'S WHY IT WAS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL INFLUENCING THE PRINCIPAL THIS TIME.
THAT'S WHY, EVEN SO, WE CANNOT CALL AN EMPTY STOMACH A SUFFICIENT EXPLANATION.
PERHAPS THERE WAS SOME REAL CHANGE IN THE PRINCIPAL.


WELL, HANNES ALWAYS DID HAVE A WAY OF... CALMING PEOPLE DOWN...
ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHY THE PRINCIPAL MIGHT HAVE, UH, MELLOWED OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN.
IS THAT RIGHT?
ORIGINALLY, I HAD MY DOUBTS. BUT I CHANGED MY MIND AFTER TALKING TO HANNES.

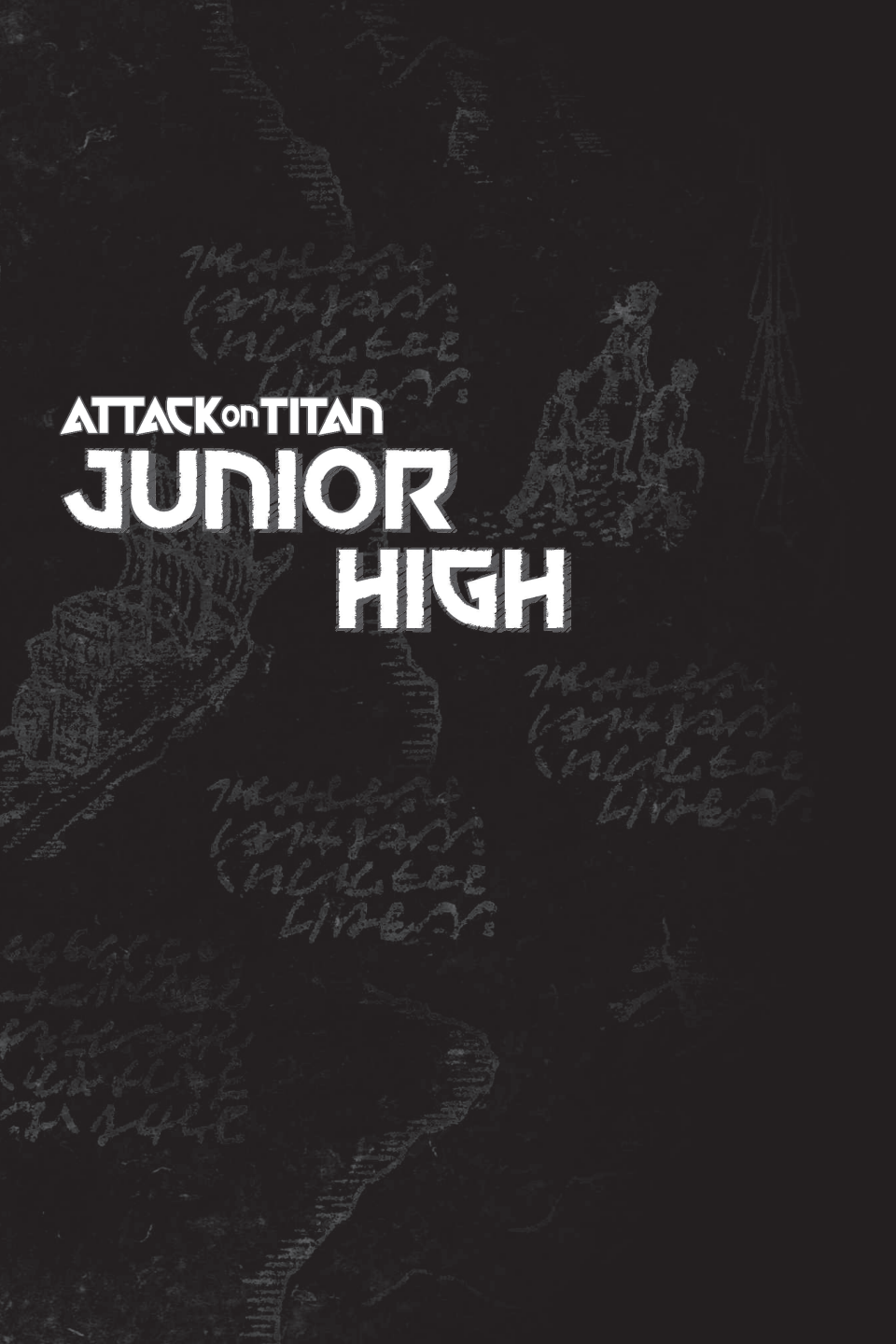
THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT SOMEONE INSIDE THE SCHOOL WAS TRYING TO CHANGE THINGS.
THERE WAS SOMEBODY PULLING THE STRINGS.
STILL, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, ARMIN. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THESE NEW RULES CAME FROM THE PRINCIPAL HIMSELF.
BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO REMINDED ME OF MY CALLING.
SO I MUST BE HERE TO PROTECT THE STUDENTS.
MAYBE THAT PERSON WILL COME AND DO SOMETHING TONIGHT.
...WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE STUDENTS.
AND I DOUBT THAT THOSE CHANGES...
WHAT IS IT, EREN?
M...
MR. SMITH?

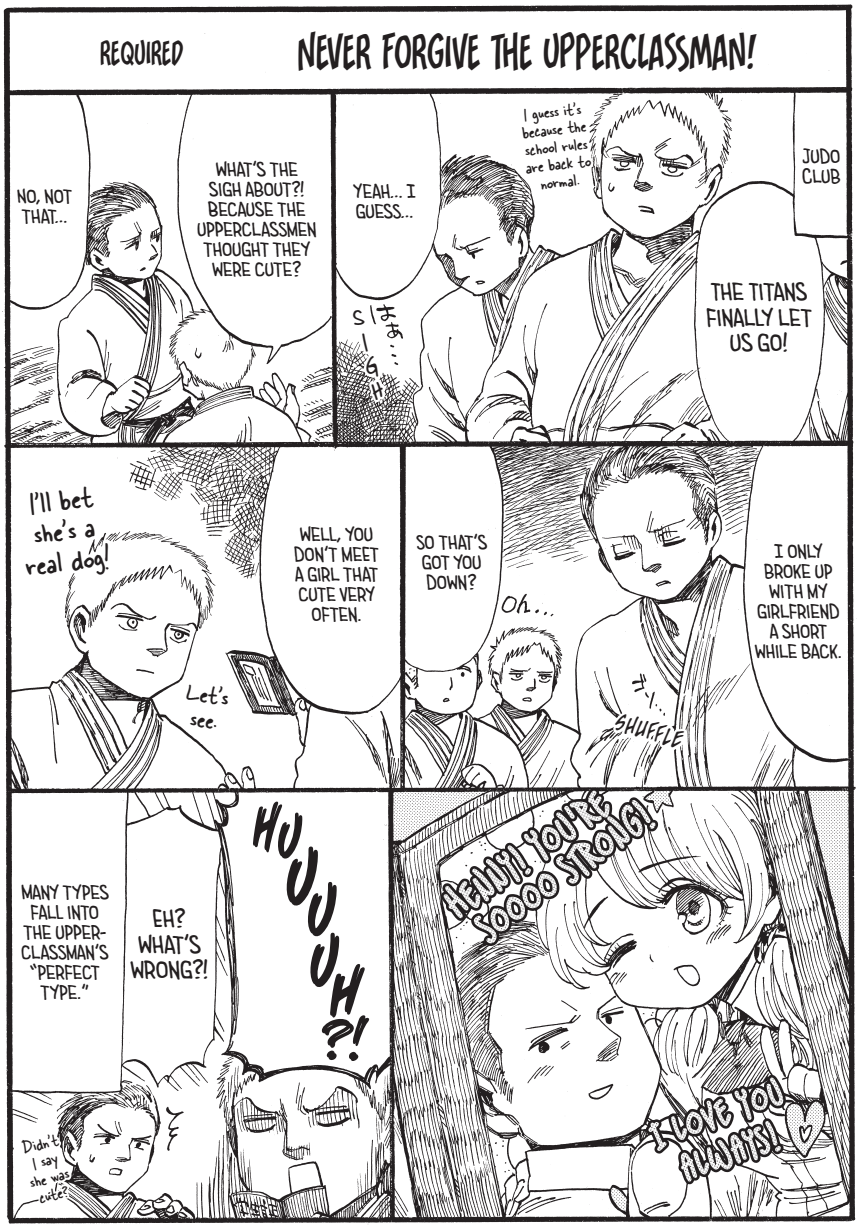
YOU WERE SAYING SOME WEIRD THINGS BACK THERE...
...BUT IF THE TITANS ARE UP TO SOMETHING, YOU'D BETTER TELL ME!
WE'RE THE SURVEY CLUB, AND YOU'RE JUST THE ADVISOR! GOT IT?!


ISN'T THAT...
...THE WHOLE REASON YOU STAYED AT THIS SCHOOL?
YES, EREN...
IT SEEMS THAT I MUST CHANGE AS WELL.

WOW, LOOK! SHOOTING STARS!
REALLY? WHERE?!
ONCE AGAIN, YOU SET ME IN MOTION.
HEY, EVERYONE!

IF ANYTHING THREATENS TITAN JUNIOR HIGH...
...LET'S ALL FIGHT IT TOGETHER.
MR. SMITH...
THERE ARE THINGS HERE...
...THAT I WANT TO SEE PROTECTED.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WASTE OUR TIME BY STATING THE OBVIOUS.


ATTACK on TITAN
JUNIOR
HIGH


REQUIRED
NEVER FORGIVE THE UPPERCLASSMAN!
NO, NOT THAT...
WHAT'S THE SIGH ABOUT?! BECAUSE THE UPPERCLASSMEN THOUGHT THEY WERE CUTE?
YEAH... I GUESS...
はあ...
SIGH
I guess it's because the school rules are back to normal.
JUDO CLUB
THE TITANS FINALLY LET US GO!
I'll bet she's a real dog!
Let's see.
WELL, YOU DON'T MEET A GIRL THAT CUTE VERY OFTEN.
SO THAT'S GOT YOU DOWN?
Oh...
ガ...
SHUFFLE
I ONLY BROKE UP WITH MY GIRLFRIEND A SHORT WHILE BACK.
MANY TYPES FALL INTO THE UPPER-CLASSMAN'S "PERFECT TYPE."
EH? WHAT'S WRONG?!
HUUUUH?!
Didn't I say she was cute?
HERE
HEHH! YOU'RE SOOOO STRONG!
I LOVE YOU ALWAYS! ♡

HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE COOKING CLUB!!
LET ME INTO THE CLUB!!

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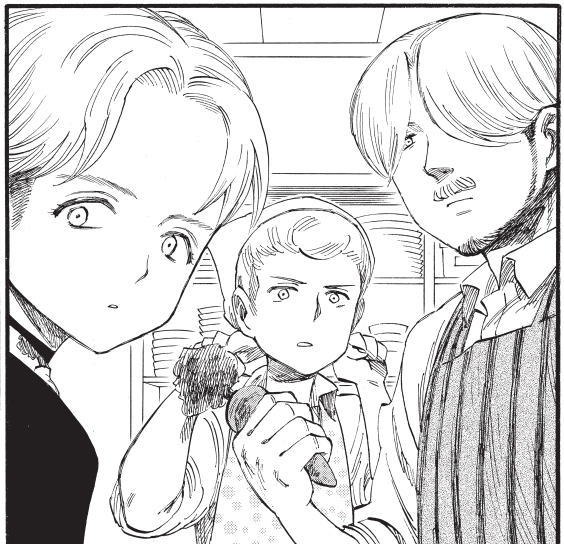
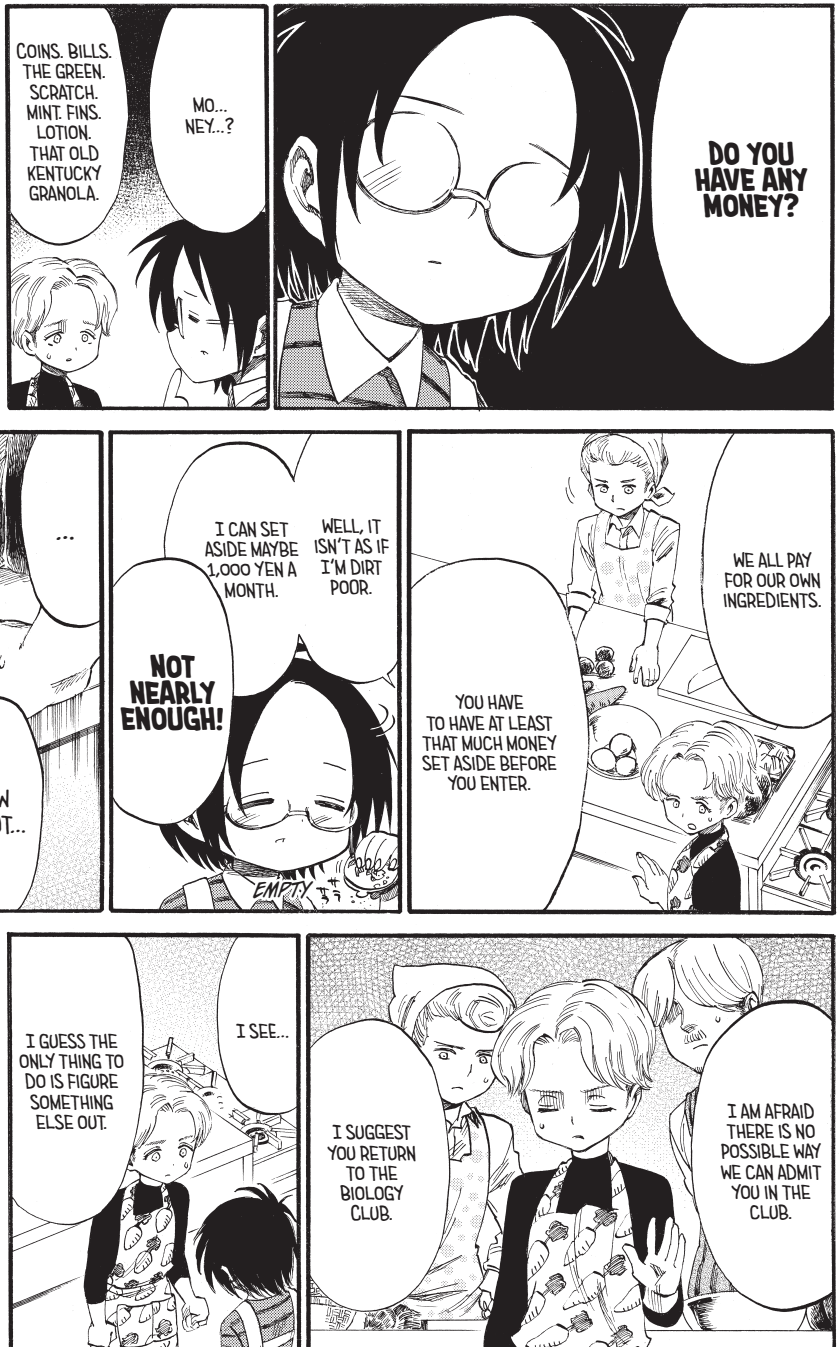
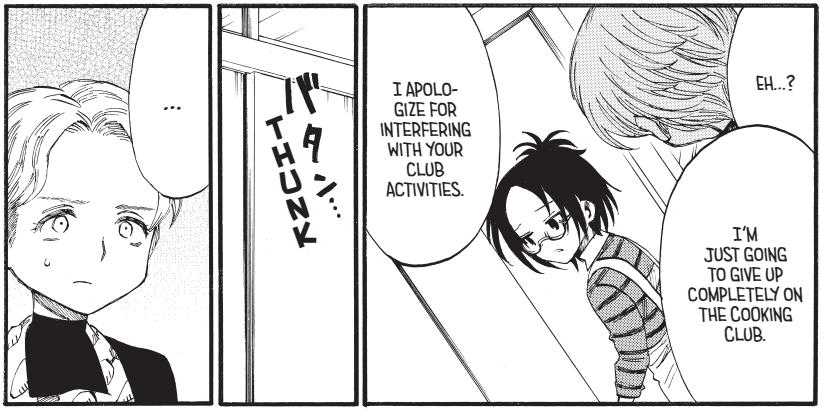
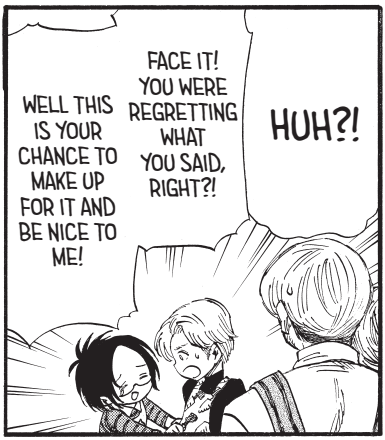
EHHHH!?
NO!
TH-THANK--



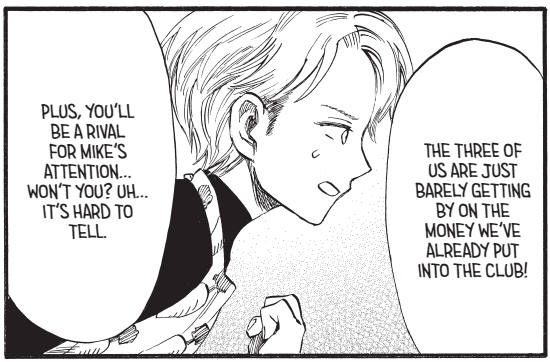
YOU KNOW WHY! THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE REASON!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN OBSESSED WITH THE BIOLOGY CLUB.
NO. BUT I WONDER WHY YOU WANT TO JOIN.
NANABA, DO YOU HATE ME THAT MUCH?!
JUST AN INSTINCTIVE REACTION.
YOU'RE KIDDING! WHY NOT?!
AND THERE'S NOTHING FINER THAN WHAT YOU COOK!
BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO LEARN HOW TO COOK THE FINEST OF FOODS!
Shining
NO, IT'S JUST... WELL...
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH MY REASON?
WH- WHAT'S THE FACE FOR?
うぐ
HMMMM

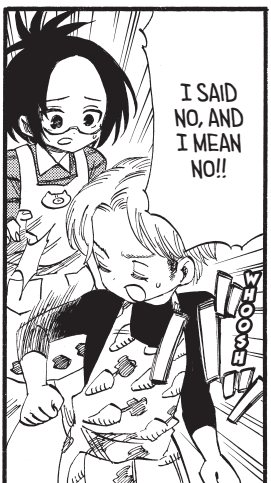

COINS. BILLS. THE GREEN. SCRATCH. MINT. FINS. LOTION. THAT OLD KENTUCKY GRANOLA.
MO... NEY...?
DO YOU HAVE ANY MONEY?
...
HOW ABOUT...
I CAN SET ASIDE MAYBE 1,000 YEN A MONTH.
WELL, IT ISN'T AS IF I'M DIRT POOR.
NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!
EMPTY
YOU HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST THAT MUCH MONEY SET ASIDE BEFORE YOU ENTER.
WE ALL PAY FOR OUR OWN INGREDIENTS.
I GUESS THE ONLY THING TO DO IS FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT.
I SEE...
I SUGGEST YOU RETURN TO THE BIOLOGY CLUB.
I AM AFRAID THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY WE CAN ADMIT YOU IN THE CLUB.

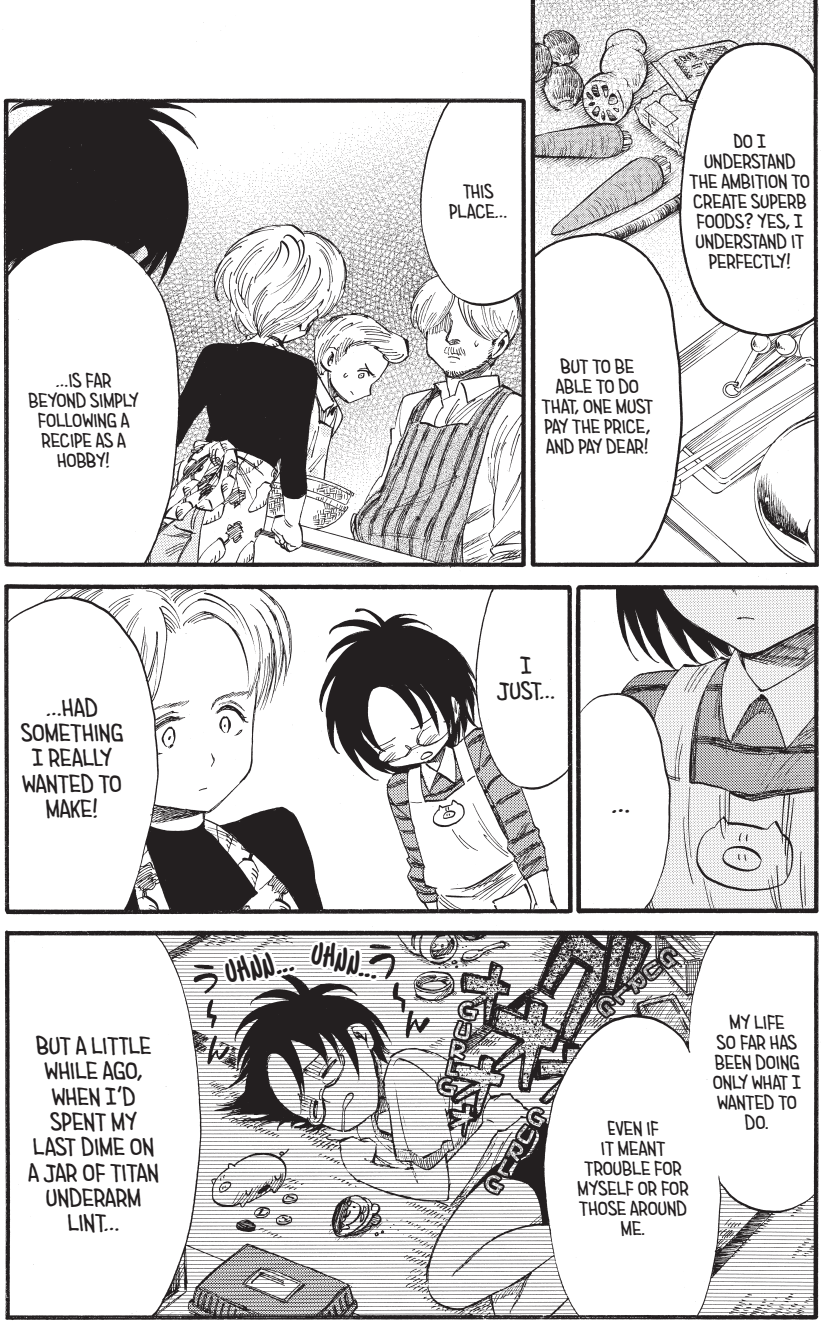

...
THUNK
I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERFERING WITH YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES.
EH...?
I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE UP COMPLETELY ON THE COOKING CLUB.

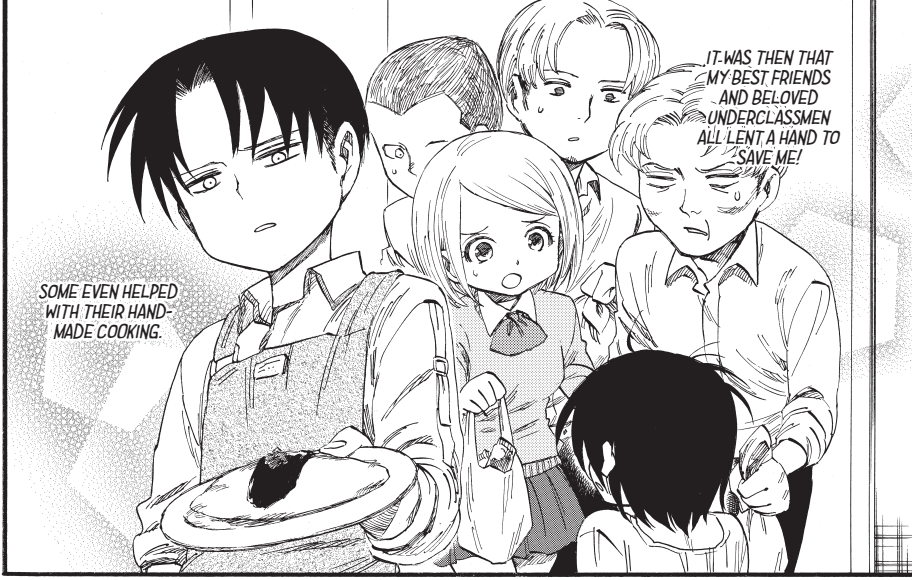

WELL THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE UP FOR IT AND BE NICE TO ME!
FACE IT! YOU WERE REGRETTING WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?!
HUH?!

NO, REALLY! LET ME IN THE CLUB!!
MAYBE MY WORDS WERE A LITTLE TOO HARSH...

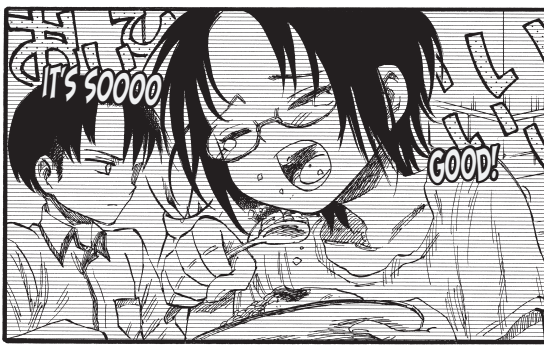

PLUS, YOU'LL BE A RIVAL FOR MIKE'S ATTENTION... WON'T YOU? UH... IT'S HARD TO TELL.
THE THREE OF US ARE JUST BARELY GETTING BY ON THE MONEY WE'VE ALREADY PUT INTO THE CLUB!

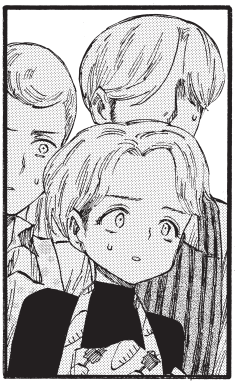

I SAID NO, AND I MEAN NO!!
WHOOSH


DO I UNDERSTAND THE AMBITION TO CREATE SUPERB FOODS? YES, I UNDERSTAND IT PERFECTLY!
BUT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, ONE MUST PAY THE PRICE, AND PAY DEAR!
THIS PLACE...
...IS FAR BEYOND SIMPLY FOLLOWING A RECIPE AS A HOBBY!
...
I JUST...
...HAD SOMETHING I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE!
MY LIFE SO FAR HAS BEEN DOING ONLY WHAT I WANTED TO DO.
EVEN IF IT MEANT TROUBLE FOR MYSELF OR FOR THOSE AROUND ME.
UHNN... UHNN...
BUT A LITTLE WHILE AGO, WHEN I'D SPENT MY LAST DIME ON A JAR OF TITAN UNDERARM LINT...

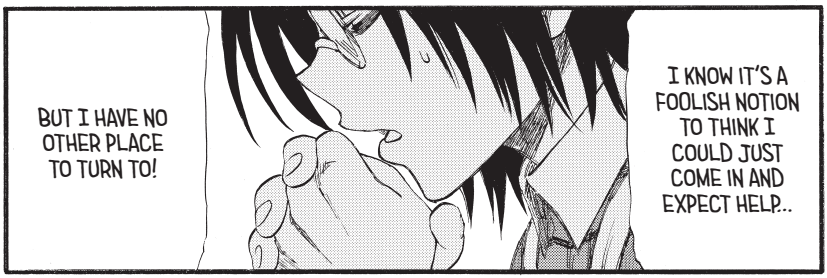

IT WAS THEN THAT MY BEST FRIENDS AND BELOVED UNDERCLASSMEN ALL LENT A HAND TO SAVE ME!
SOME EVEN HELPED WITH THEIR HAND-MADE COOKING.

I HAD NEVER FELT "RESCUED" LIKE THAT BEFORE!
AND...
I DON'T THINK IT WILL EVER BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO FORGET THAT TASTE!


IT'S SOOOO
GOOD!

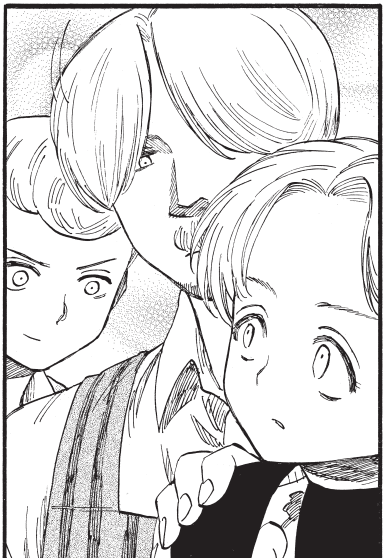


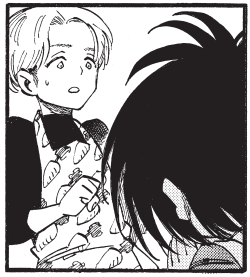
I WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE SOMETHING DELICIOUS FOR THEM!
I WANTED TO RETURN THE FAVOR FOR THOSE WHO WERE SO KIND TO ME!
COOKING
Basic Recipes Even a Man Can Make

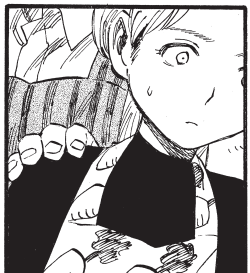

I KNOW IT'S A FOOLISH NOTION TO THINK I COULD JUST COME IN AND EXPECT HELP...
BUT I HAVE NO OTHER PLACE TO TURN TO!

I'M BEGGING, NANABA!
PLEASE TEACH ME TO COOK... NO, TEACH ME HOW TO REPAY KINDNESS!!

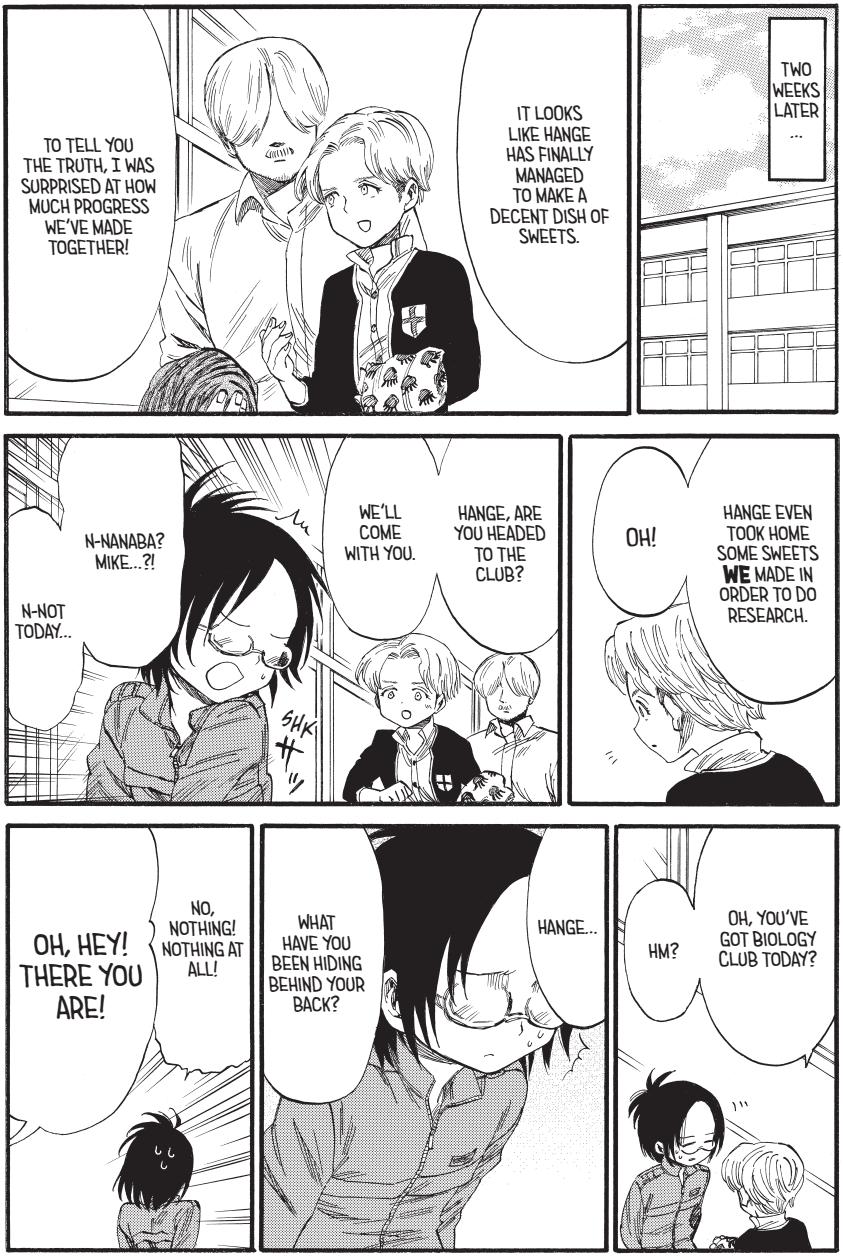
HANGE...

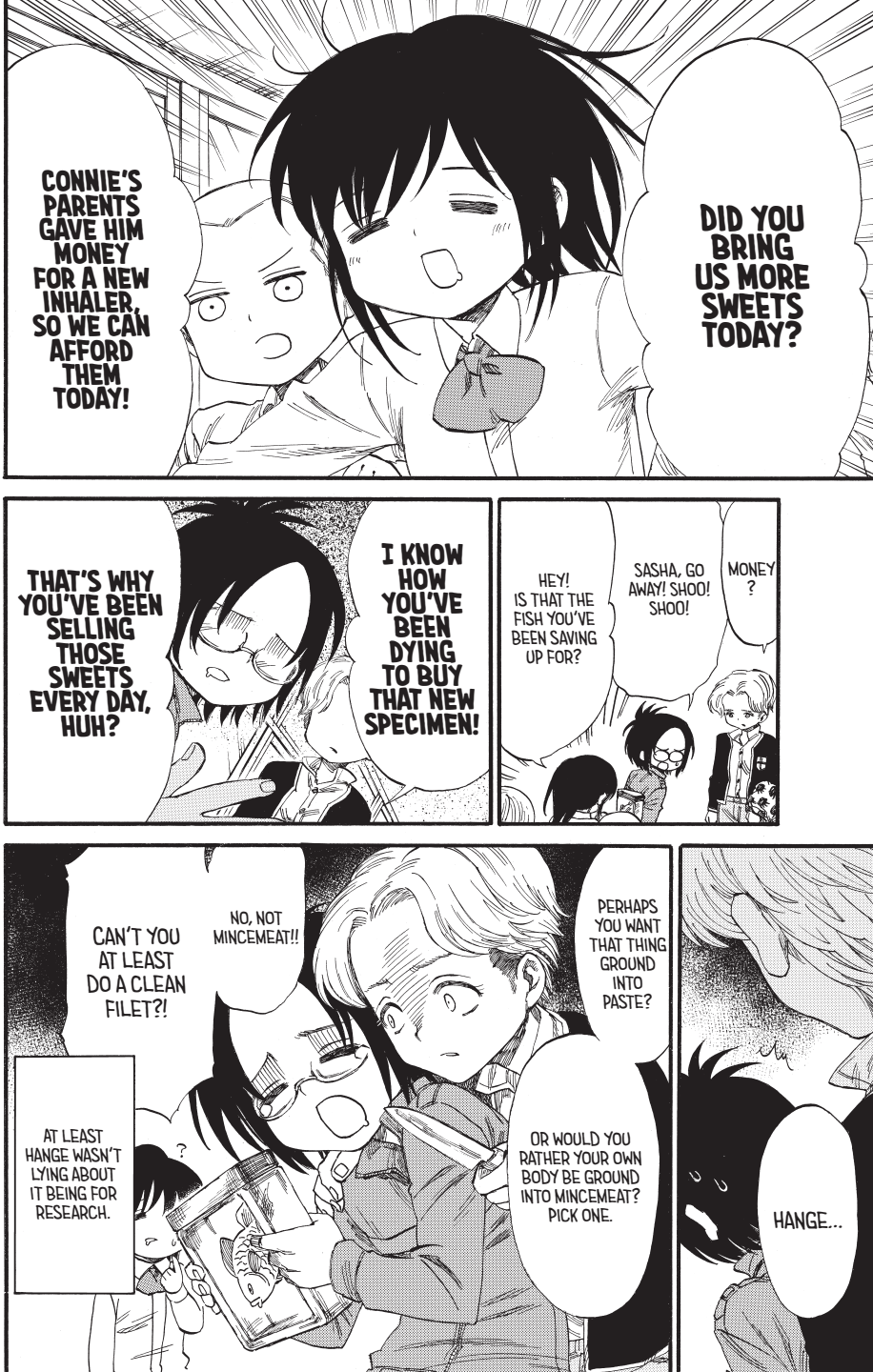


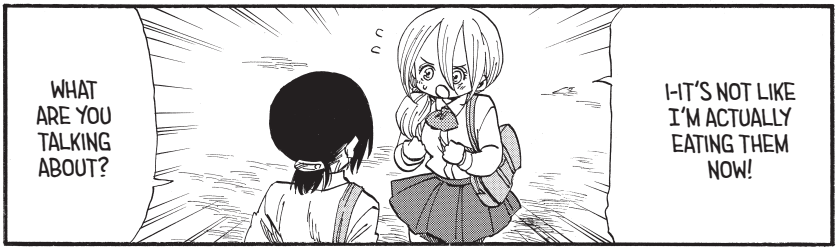


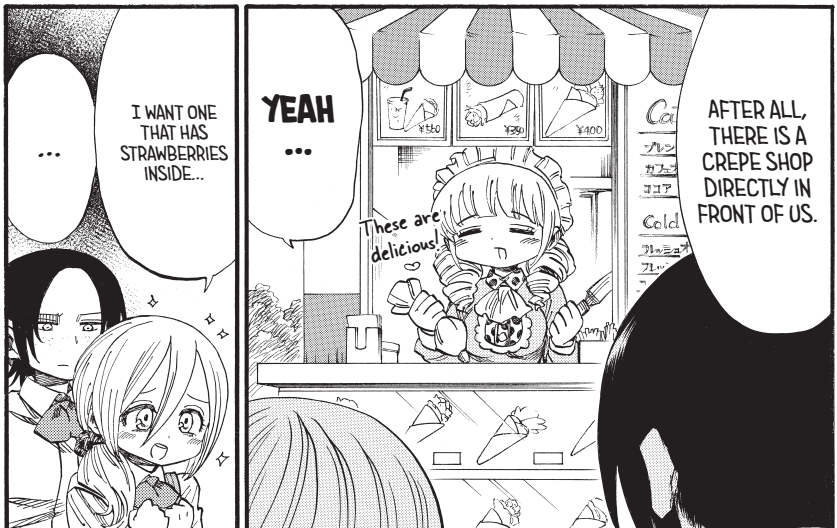


YOU HAVE NO MONEY, AND I'M AFRAID YOU'D HURT YOURSELF ON MY KNIFE...
SO INSTEAD, LET'S TRY SOME SIMPLE SWEETS.
YAAAAY!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, NANABA!!
AND SO...
HANGE STARTED DOWN THE LONG, PAINFUL PATH OF FOOD PREPARATION.

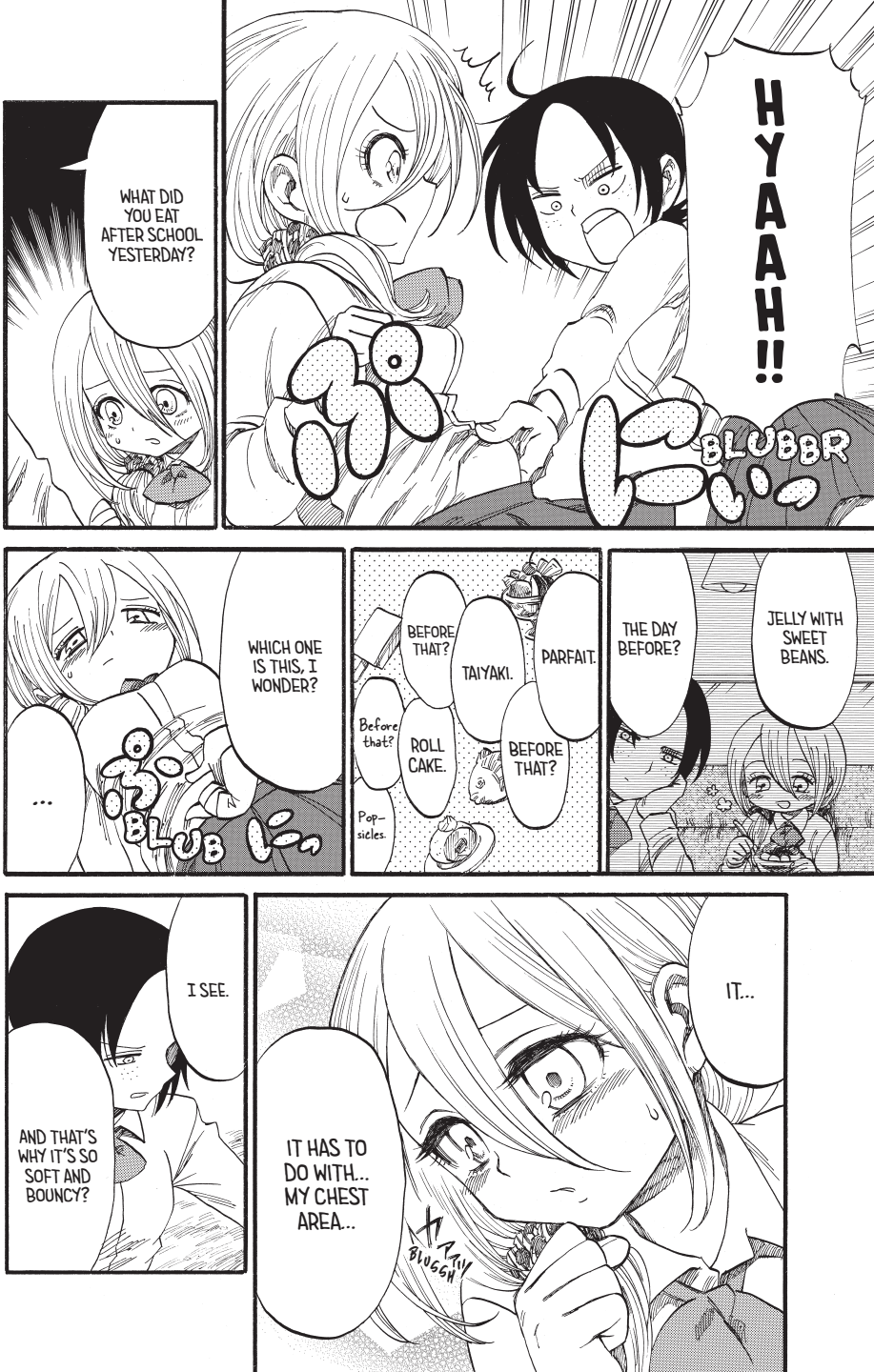

TWO WEEKS LATER ...
IT LOOKS LIKE HANGE HAS FINALLY MANAGED TO MAKE A DECENT DISH OF SWEETS.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TOGETHER!
HANGE EVEN TOOK HOME SOME SWEETS WE MADE IN ORDER TO DO RESEARCH.
OH!
HANGE, ARE YOU HEADED TO THE CLUB?
WE'LL COME WITH YOU.
N-NANABA? MIKE...?!
N-NOT TODAY...
SHK
OH, YOU'VE GOT BIOLOGY CLUB TODAY?
HM?
HANGE...
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING BEHIND YOUR BACK?
NO, NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!
OH, HEY! THERE YOU ARE!


DID YOU BRING US MORE SWEETS TODAY?
CONNIE'S PARENTS GAVE HIM MONEY FOR A NEW INHALER, SO WE CAN AFFORD THEM TODAY!
MONEY ?
SASHA, GO AWAY! SHOO! SHOO!
HEY! IS THAT THE FISH YOU'VE BEEN SAVING UP FOR?
I KNOW HOW YOU'VE BEEN DYING TO BUY THAT NEW SPECIMEN!
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN SELLING THOSE SWEETS EVERY DAY, HUH?
HANGE...
PERHAPS YOU WANT THAT THING GROUND INTO PASTE?
NO, NOT MINCEMEAT!!
CAN'T YOU AT LEAST DO A CLEAN FILET?!
OR WOULD YOU RATHER YOUR OWN BODY BE GROUND INTO MINCEMEAT? PICK ONE.
?
AT LEAST HANGE WASN'T LYING ABOUT IT BEING FOR RESEARCH.

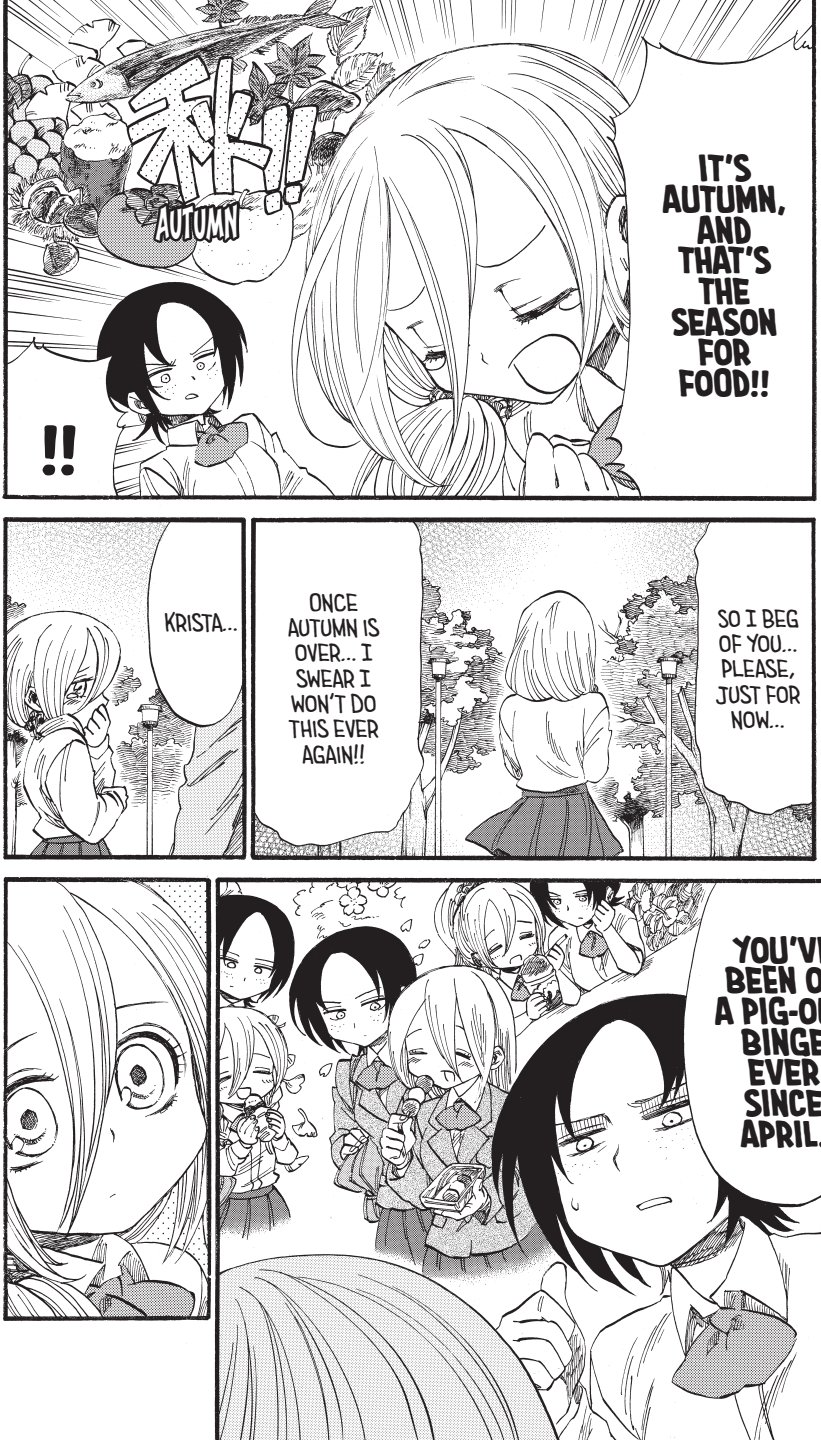


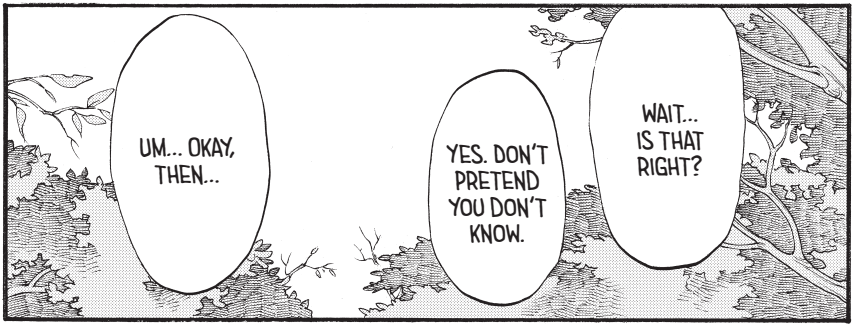


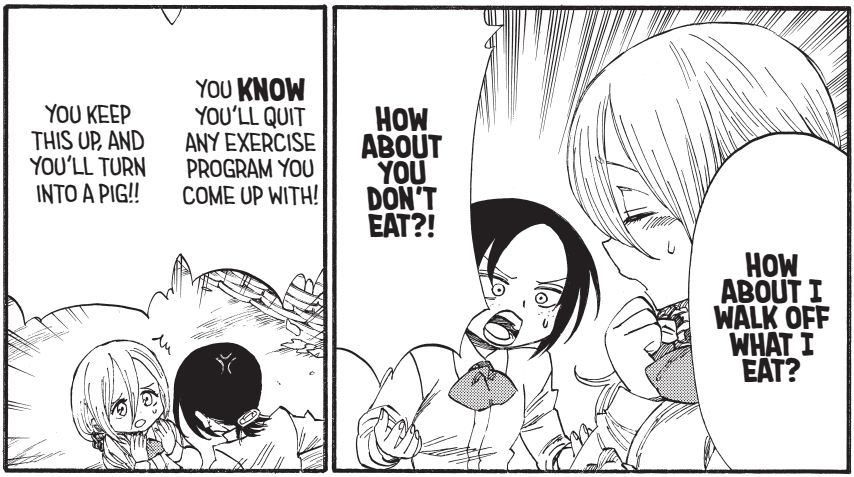
THIRTY-FIRST PERIOD: AUTUMN IN THIS MANGA

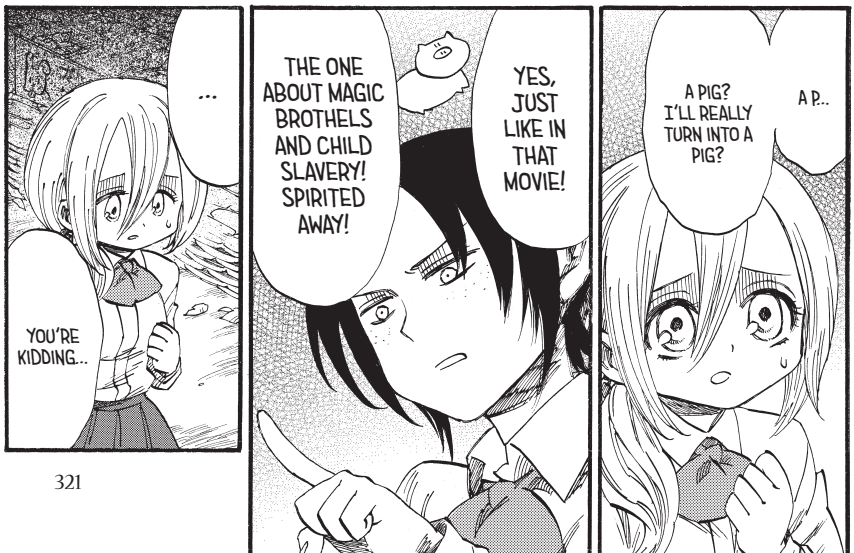

WHAT DID YOU EAT AFTER SCHOOL YESTERDAY?
HYAAH!!
BLUBBR
WHICH ONE IS THIS, I WONDER?
...
BLUB
BEFORE THAT?
TAIYAKI.
PARFAIT.
Before that?
ROLL CAKE.
BEFORE THAT?
Pop-sicles.
THE DAY BEFORE?
JELLY WITH SWEET BEANS.
I SEE.
AND THAT'S WHY IT'S SO SOFT AND BOUNCY?
IT HAS TO DO WITH... MY CHEST AREA...
BLUGGH
IT...

AND I ASSUME THIS IS THE SAME?
ぷにっ
BLUBBR
AND THIS?
ぷにっ
PLUMP
IS THIS CHEST AREA TOO?
ムニ
RUMPH
...
HAH ハア
HAH ハア
HAH ハア
HAH ハア
...
YOU'RE RIGHT, YMIR. I KNOW YOU ARE.
SNIFF
WE'VE BEEN HAVING SOMETHING TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME EVERY DAY RECENTLY.
YES, I BLAME MYSELF.
I KNOW I'M GETTING FAT, BUT I CAN'T STOP MYSELF!
I MEAN...
I MEAN, WHAT CAN I DO?

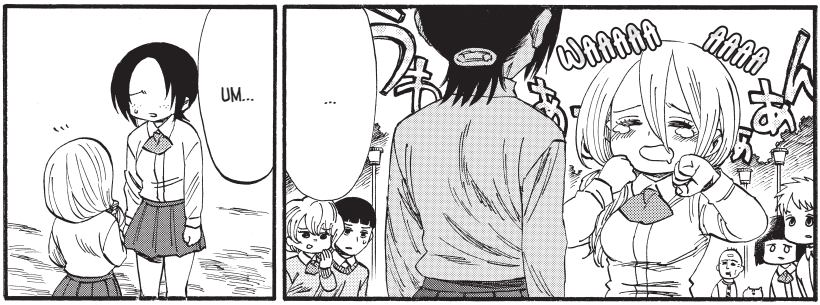

AUTUMN
!!
IT'S AUTUMN, AND THAT'S THE SEASON FOR FOOD!!
KRISTA...
ONCE AUTUMN IS OVER... I SWEAR I WON'T DO THIS EVER AGAIN!!
SO I BEG OF YOU... PLEASE, JUST FOR NOW...
YOU'VE BEEN ON A PIG-OUT BINGE EVER SINCE APRIL.

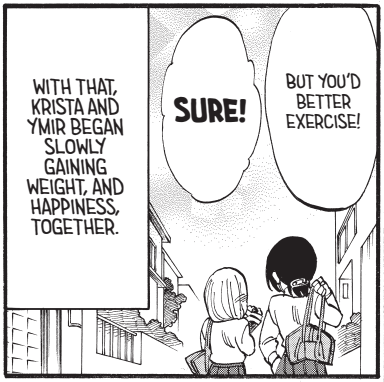

UM... OKAY, THEN...
YES. DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW.
WAIT... IS THAT RIGHT?

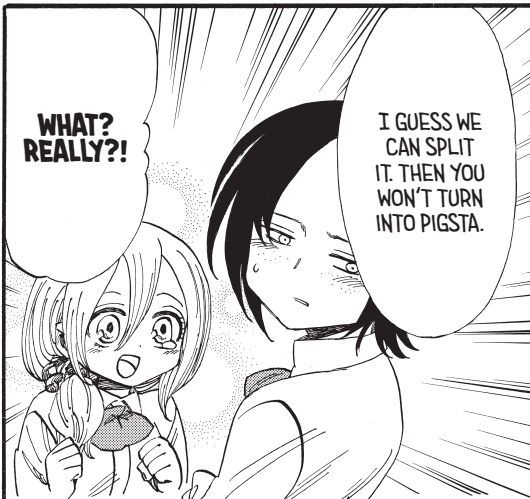

YOU KEEP THIS UP, AND YOU'LL TURN INTO A PIG!!
YOU KNOW YOU'LL QUIT ANY EXERCISE PROGRAM YOU COME UP WITH!
HOW ABOUT YOU DON'T EAT?!
HOW ABOUT I WALK OFF WHAT I EAT?


...
YOU'RE KIDDING...
THE ONE ABOUT MAGIC BROTHELS AND CHILD SLAVERY! SPIRITED AWAY!
YES, JUST LIKE IN THAT MOVIE!
A PIG? I'LL REALLY TURN INTO A PIG?
A P...

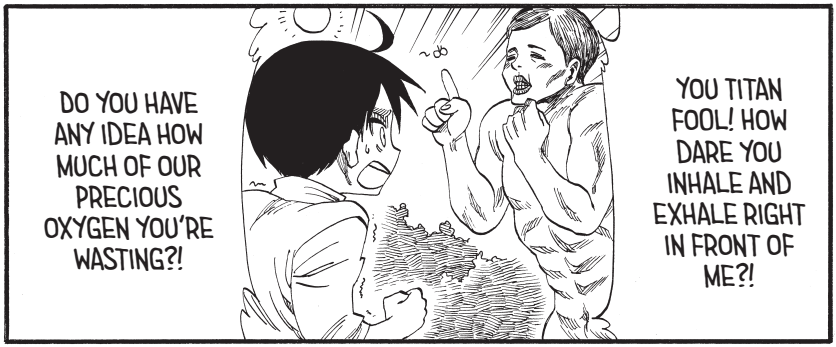
ALL I'M DOING IS EATING THE THINGS I'M HUNGRY FOR ON A DAILY BASIS...
SNIFF
...BUT NOW IT MEANS I'M GOING TO BECOME PIGSTA AND GET DUMPED BY MY FRIENDS!

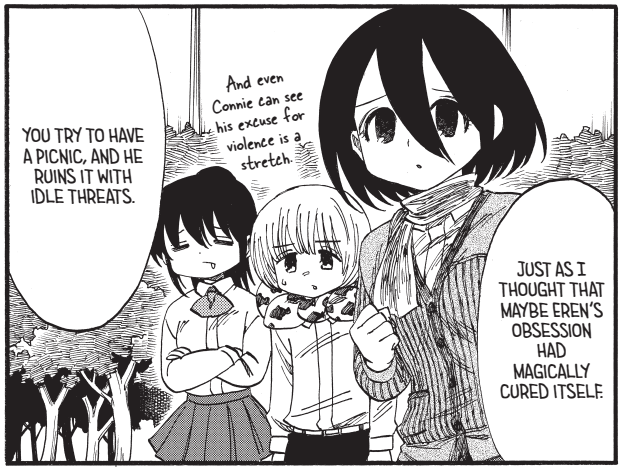

UM...
...
Wahhhh
Ahhh

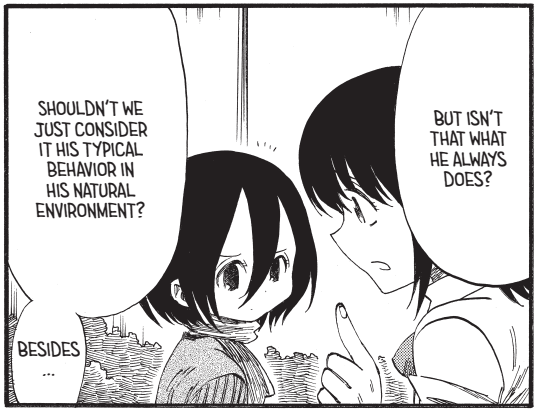

WITH THAT, KRISTA AND YMIR BEGAN SLOWLY GAINING WEIGHT, AND HAPPINESS, TOGETHER.
SURE!
BUT YOU'D BETTER EXERCISE!


WHAT? REALLY?!
I GUESS WE CAN SPLIT IT. THEN YOU WON'T TURN INTO PIGSTA.

THIRTY-FIRST PERIOD: HIGH HEAT MAKES GOOD FRIED RICE







IN OTHER WORDS, MIKASA, YOU SHOULD BECOME MOTHER, FRIEND, EVERYTHING TO HIM!
MAKE IT SO THAT HE WILL NEVER NEED ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE!

WHAT? YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO COOK TOO?

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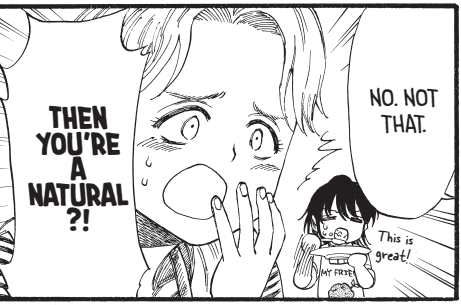
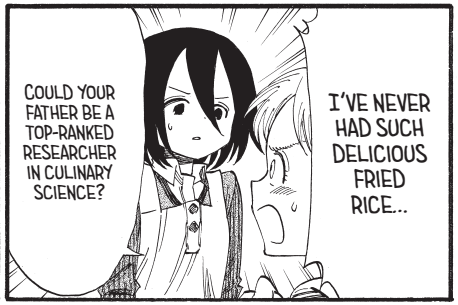
OKAY!
THEN YOU CAN BE A HELPER AND LEARN BY WATCHING.
A LITTLE VIOLENT, BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT! THIS GIRL IS TRYING TO IMPALE A MAN'S HEART THROUGH HIS STOMACH!
OH HO!
...THEN YOU MOVE THE POTATO RATHER THAN MOVING THE KNIFE.
FIRST YOU CONNECT THE KNIFE TO THE PEEL...
SHLUM
SHLUM
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU.
Eating them is quicker than fixing them.
PEELING POTATOES IS DIFFICULT.
SHUKK
SHUKK
I LIKE YOUR ENTHUSIASM WITH THE KNIFE TODAY...
THAT CUTTING SOUND! COULD IT BE MIKE? GELGAR?
AT LEAST YOU'VE LEARNED THE BASICS...
SLRCH
SLRCH
SLRCH
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
SPLURT
MY FRI

THUNK
SHUUCH
SHUNK
SHUUSSH
LLUUNCH
MMMは
POP
ぽっ
FINISHED.
CLUNK
...
YOUR NAME WAS... MIKASA, WASN'T IT?
FORGIVE ME, BUT...

?!
WHUMP
PLEASE MAKE ME YOUR DISCIPLE!!

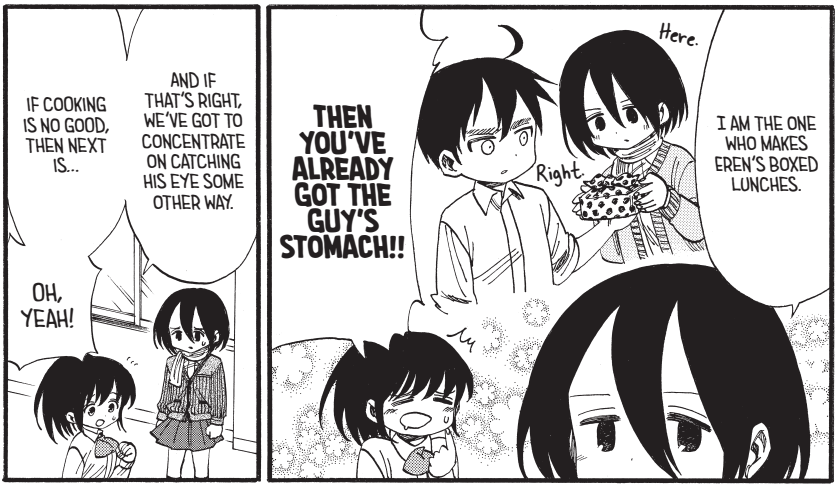

THEN YOU'RE A NATURAL ?!
NO. NOT THAT.
This is great!
MY FRIEND

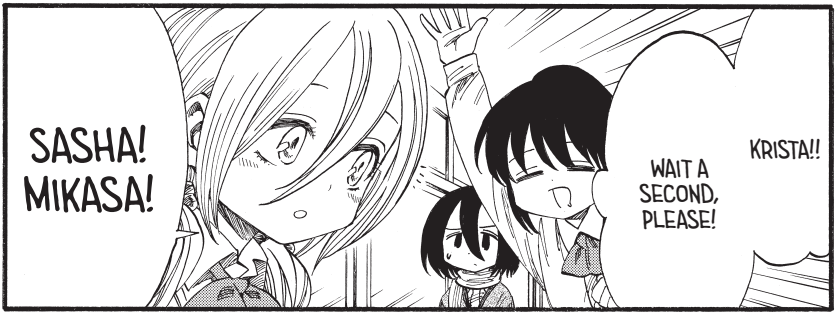

COULD YOUR FATHER BE A TOP-RANKED RESEARCHER IN CULINARY SCIENCE?
I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH DELICIOUS FRIED RICE...

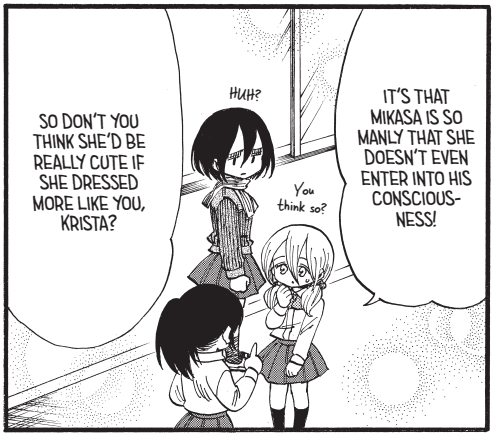
THAT IS WHAT I ALWAYS FIX.
I'M SURE THAT IF YOU COOKED LIKE THAT, EREN WOULD...
That was really good!
MIKASA, YOU'RE GOOD AT COOKING...

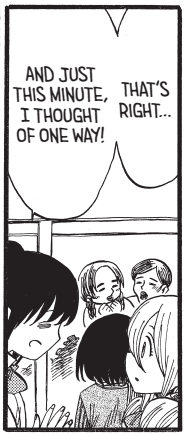
HAHH
HAHH

NO, WAIT!!
WE'RE GOING HOME!
MY FRIEND


AND IF THAT'S RIGHT, WE'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON CATCHING HIS EYE SOME OTHER WAY.
IF COOKING IS NO GOOD, THEN NEXT IS...
OH, YEAH!
THEN YOU'VE ALREADY GOT THE GUY'S STOMACH!!
Here.
Right.
I AM THE ONE WHO MAKES EREN'S BOXED LUNCHES.


SASHA! MIKASA!
WAIT A SECOND, PLEASE!
KRISTA!!


SO DON'T YOU THINK SHE'D BE REALLY CUTE IF SHE DRESSED MORE LIKE YOU, KRISTA?
HUH?
You think so?
IT'S THAT MIKASA IS SO MANLY THAT SHE DOESN'T EVEN ENTER INTO HIS CONSCIOUS-NESS!


AND JUST THIS MINUTE, I THOUGHT OF ONE WAY!
THAT'S RIGHT...

SOME WAY TO MAKE EREN NOTICE YOU?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WOOSH
WOOSH

SO WHAT KIND OF INTERESTS TO YOU HAVE?
I'VE BEEN BUYING SWEETS ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL LATELY.
Also dieting.
WHOA! THAT'S REALLY CUTE!
YEAH, KIND OF MANNISH.
I HONE MY SIX-PACK ABS.
GUCHI
MIKASA, YOU'RE HUGE!!
LET'S GO FOR STYLE OVER SUBSTANCE.
...
LOOK AT KRISTA'S SOFT, PALE, CURVY BODY...
...AND COMPARE IT TO THE OVERLY DEVELOPED MUSCLES WITH DEFINITION YOU CAN EVEN SEE THROUGH THE CLOTHES.
THERE ARE THOSE WEAK, VULNERABLE, DOE-LIKE EYES OF KRISTA'S...
...VERSES THE OVERPOWERING, INTIMIDATING GLEAM OF A BLOODTHIRSTY BEAST.
AND EVERYTHING KRISTA OWNS FEATURES BUTTONS, FLOWERS, ANIMAL MASCOTS, SHORTCAKE...
...WHILE MIKASA...
...
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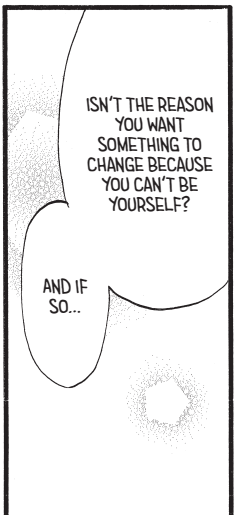
...I COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT I DON'T REALLY CARE AS LONG AS I CAN BE BY HIS SIDE.
WHEN I THINK OF EREN'S OBSESSION WITH TITANS...

YOU DON'T NEED TO START AT ALL!
HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START...

THE WAY IT IS NOW IS FINE WITH ME.
KLENCH
ぎゅっ...

...THEN THIS IS THE WAY THAT I WANT IT TO BE.
IF THIS IS THE WAY WE CAN BE TOGETHER NATURALLY...


ISN'T THE REASON YOU WANT SOMETHING TO CHANGE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE YOURSELF?
AND IF SO...

I THINK THAT'S FOR THE BEST TOO.
BUT IS THAT THE WAY YOU CAN REALLY BE YOU?
!

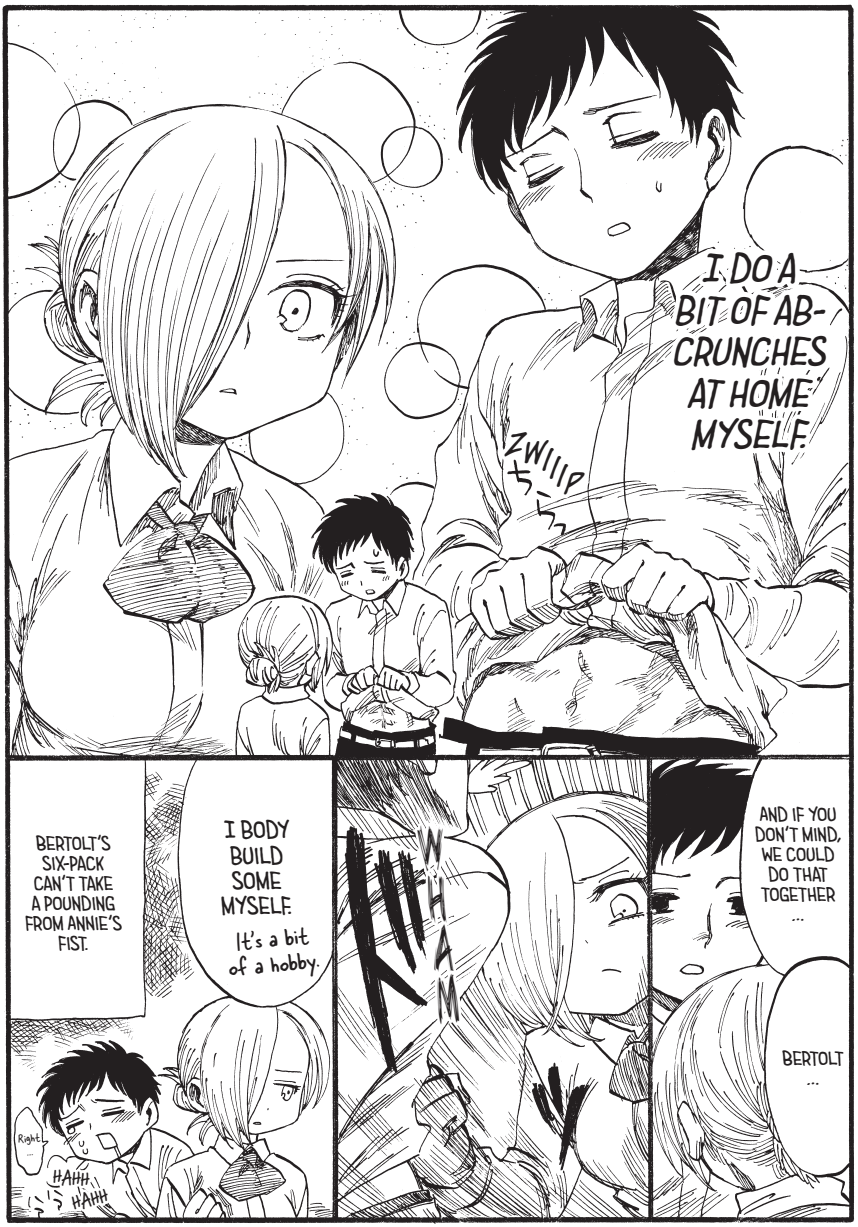
MIKASA...
...

...THEN I THINK THE BEST THING TO IS DO WHAT YOUR HEART IS TELLING YOU TO DO.
EREN...
I HAVE ALWAYS...
...HAD SOMETHING THAT I WANTED TO DO TOGETHER WITH YOU.
...
I...
CALLING ME HERE TO HAVE A TALK ALONE?
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
PLEASE...?
GRIMP ギュッ...
NO, EREN, YOU ARE...
...THE ONLY ONE I CAN DO THIS WITH.
WITH ME? YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH SOMEBODY ELSE?
NO, I CAN'T.
Huh? No, I can't believe it!

...IS TWO-PERSON AB TRAINING!!
WHOOSH
WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO...
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
DAMMIT!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I WAS TOO GREEDY ABOUT MY AB CRUNCHES!
I'M SORRY... I KNEW IT MIGHT NOT WORK OUT!
EREN!
KH...
WHUD
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS THE MOST ROMANTIC SITUATION THESE TWO HAVE EVER BEEN IN.
YOU MEAN IT BUILDS UP MY MUSCLES TOO?!
...AND BUILDS YOUR BICEPS FEMORIS IN YOUR THIGHS, EREN.
NO. IT BUILDS MY BACK MUSCLES...
BY THE WAY, DOES THIS REALLY BUILD UP A PERSON'S ABS?
Only three more!
OKAY...!!
THIS TIME, I KNOW I CAN HOLD YOU UP!
LET'S TRY IT ONE MORE TIME!
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3

BODY BUILDING BONUS PAGES
THE START-OFF JOKE
EREN, YOU'RE AMAZING...
JUST LOOK HOW BIG YOU'RE GETTING DOWN THERE!
Y-YEAH...
HAHH
ハア
HAHH
ハア
DOING BODY-BUILDING WORK WITH YOU EVERYDAY IS MAKING MY THIGH MUSCLES REALLY POP!
ヤアアア
BLUUSH
A-ANNIE ...?
...

AAAAA!
ANNIEEEE!!
... WHAT?
YOU SHOULDN'T JUST STAND THERE STARING!
IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY! LET'S GO HOME!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GLARE
I'M NOT STANDING AND STARING AT ANYTHING.
Utility Locker
Right?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING TO!
I'm right here!
HUH...? WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
...
UH...
UM... I MAY NOT BE ANY KIND OF SUBSTITUTE, BUT...
WAIT...
BUT I AM A MAN! I CAN...DO... THAT... UM...
BAM


I DO A BIT OF AB-CRUNCHES AT HOME MYSELF.
ZWIIIP
ちらっ
AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE COULD DO THAT TOGETHER ...
BERTOLT ...
WHAM
I BODY BUILD SOME MYSELF. It's a bit of a hobby.
BERTOLT'S SIX-PACK CAN'T TAKE A POUNDING FROM ANNIE'S FIST.
Right.
HAHH
HAHH

Translation Notes:

Page 39, Thank you for the meal

This is the standard phrase, *gochisô-sama deshita* (literally, "it was a feast"), which is said after each meal. It is a way of thanking the host or provider for the food, and if that host or provider is yourself, you'd be thanking God, gods or fate for the food. To many, though, it's just a customary phrase to say at the end of the meal, and religious overtones are lost.

Page 55, Love is fireworks in the distant past

There was a series of commercials in Japan during the '90s which showed several different scenes of encounters at the very beginning of romances. The catch phrase was, "Love is not just some fireworks of the distant past." It was trying to convey that it's better to live in the present (and drink the company's whiskey) than to think of love as something long gone. What the chapter title means in this book, I'll leave you to decide.

Page 75, Yukata

In the summer festivals of Japan, women often go dressed in the cool, cotton *yukata* kimono, usually decorated in bright festive colors, such as Krista and Annie are wearing. Men may also wear *yukata* in more somber colors or the two-piece *jimbei*, but casual Western dress is more common for them.

Page 79, Hacchan Squid

In the real world, "Hacchan Squid" (the first kanji in Hacchan is the number 8) is actually "Yocchan Squid" (the first kanji in Yocchan is the number 4). Yocchan Squid is a packaged snack consisting of strips of dried calamari.

Page 107, Scarab beetle

Bug collecting is a passion for many Japanese young people starting around six or seven years old and extending into the early teens. By junior high, most students have outgrown the hobby, but there remain some avid collectors, and most have fond memories of their collections. The main targets of the bug collectors are scarab beetles and stag beetles.

Page 112, Grilled eel

The thought of eating eel may not appeal to many in the Western world, but like many foods, the outside looks of the creature give no real hint of the taste. Eel is actually delicious, especially with the teriyaki-like, thick, brown *kabayaki* sauce. The traditional way of cooking eel is to split it down the spine, debone it, and open it like a sandwich, cooking the meat over a fire or coals with two wooden sticks to hold it above the flame. Although a little more expensive than other rice-bowl meals like the pork cutlet *katsudon* or the chicken and egg *oyakodon*, the eel *unagidon* is well worth the price.

Page 140, Rice balls with nothing inside

Most rice balls have something (aside from rice) in the center. The simplest have an *umeboshi* at the center (a pickled fruit of the ume tree) that performs the function of both giving the rice a tart flavoring and preserving it. But all sorts of foods such as tuna salad or fried chicken meat can be placed in the center of rice balls. But in this case, the ball is made of only plain rice lightly seasoned with salt.

Page 228, Grade of 5

Not all schools use the same grading system, but grades of one through five are common for Japanese junior high students. A 1.0 would be failing, and from a 4.1-5.0 would be like an "A" grade. If one does a grade-point average, a 5.0 on your record is extremely helpful. Other grading systems include the A-F system popular in the West, a percentage system, and a one-through-ten system.

Page 305, Graceful fall

Judo, as well as many other martial arts, teaches one how to fall without hurting oneself. There have even been scientific studies that prove martial arts techniques can lessen the impact of a fall on areas such as one's hips. But since throwing one's opponent (or being thrown, for that matter) is an integral part of Judo, that particular martial art concentrates intense training on the correct way to fall from any angle.

Page 312, DeAgostini Cookbook

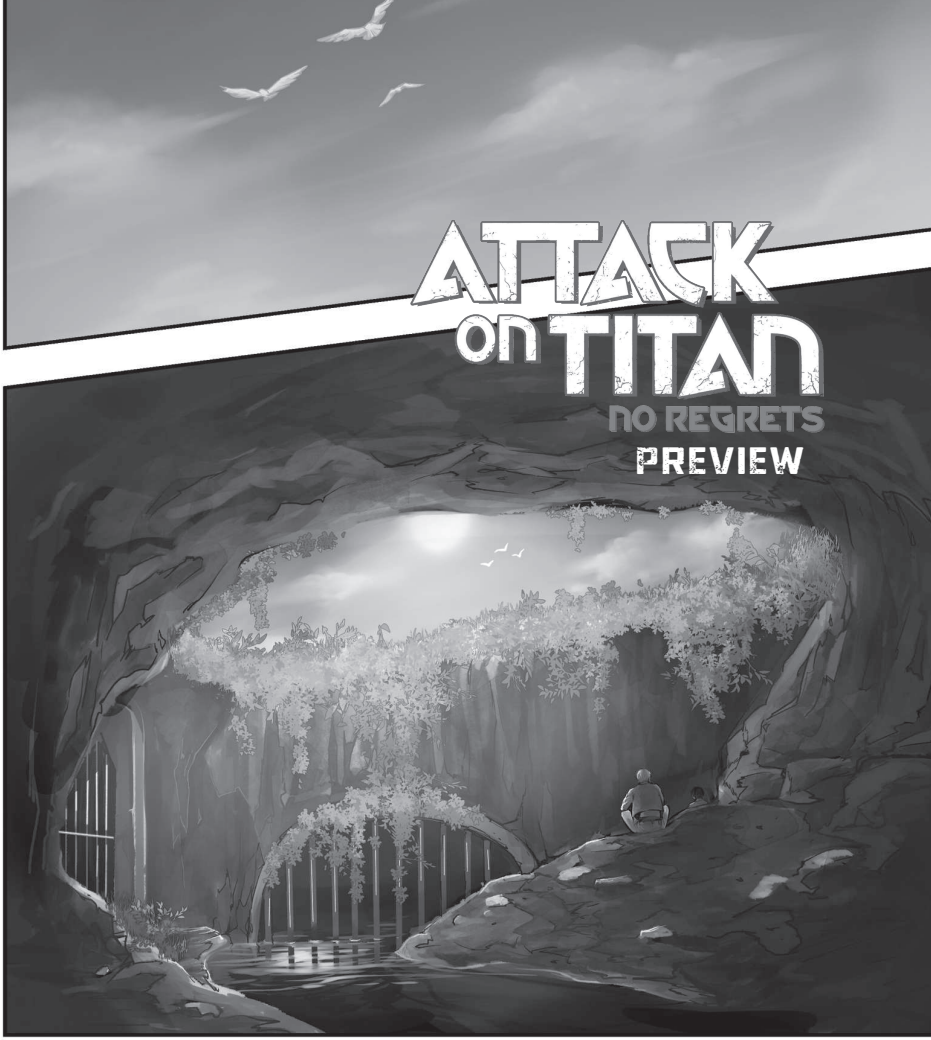
One of the cookbooks, the DeAgostini Cooking Edition is from a publisher that is famous for making many different books collected into a series under a particular subject. Generally these publications are DVDs or models that are packaged with some background reading material, but sold in bookstores rather than video shops or hobby shops. With these books, one can collect all the episodes of TV shows such as Colombo, a series of models such a warships, or get all the parts of a DIY robot, one per each week.

Page 318, Taiyaki

If you have ever seen those sweet-bean buns that are shaped like a fish, that is *taiyaki*. They use a pancake-like sweet-bread outside and fill them typically with anko sweet-bean paste, but they can also be filled with custard cream, different kinds of jam, chocolate, sweet-potato, or even cheese. Most places that make them have the waffle-iron-like taiyaki makers in full display to the customers to draw them to the shop or stand. Usually they are sold soon after cooking, and the hot taiyaki are a treat!

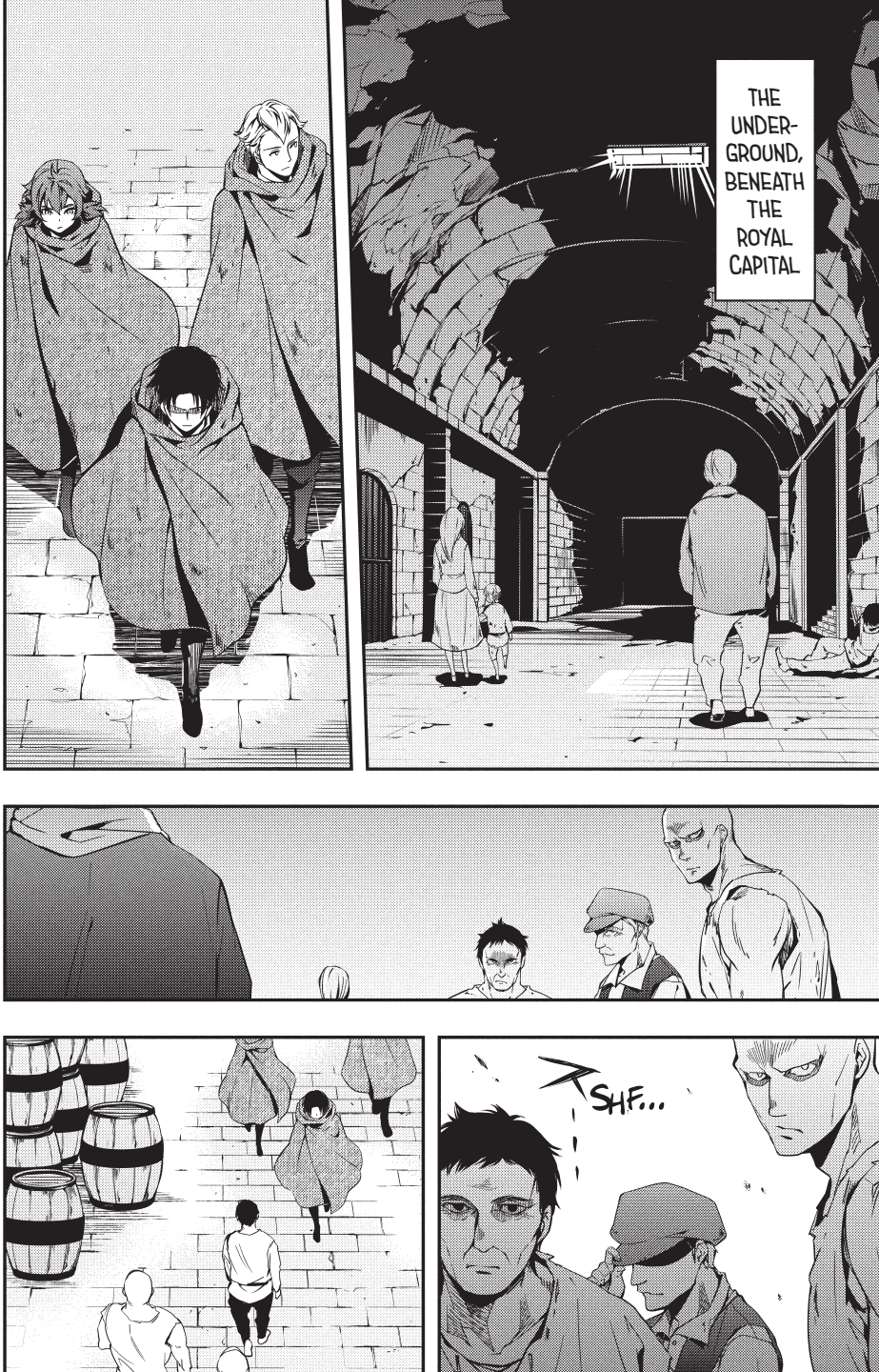
Page 333, Start-off Joke

The deochi ("joke upon entrance") is a joke a comedian or comedy troop perform immediately upon taking the stage in order to get the audience into a mood to laugh. In this case, it's the double entendres in the first panel revealed only to be a result of body-building exercises in the second panel.


ATTACK ON TITAN
NO REGRETS
PREVIEW

I WONDER WHERE THEY'RE GOING.

TO PLACES WE COULDN'T GO EVEN WITH THOSE MACHINES.
THEY CAN EVEN FLY BEYOND THE WALLS.
FAR AWAY...
JUST YOU WAIT! I'LL GO WITH YOU SOMEDAY.
GOT THAT RIGHT!
LET'S GO.

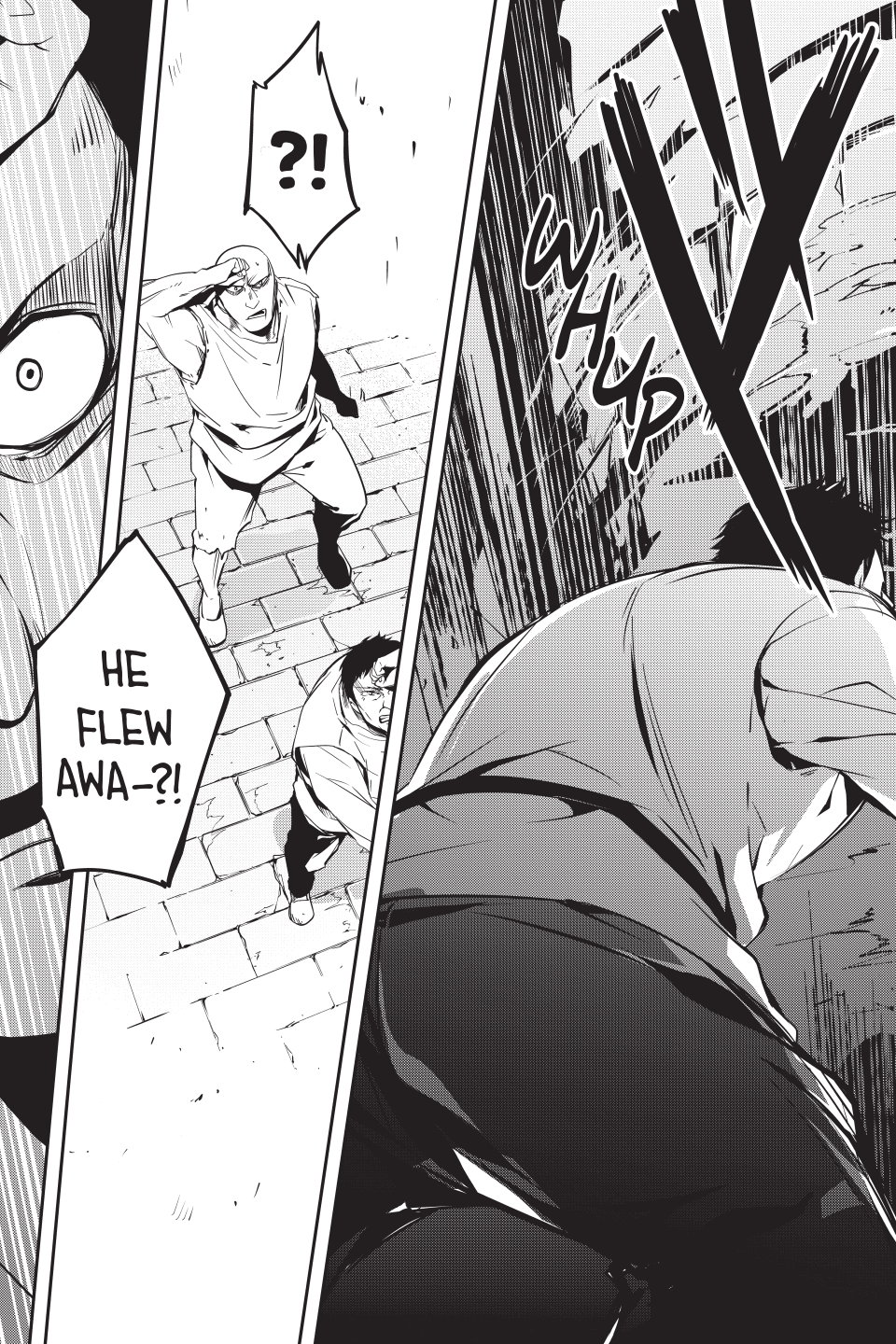

THE UNDER-GROUND, BENEATH THE ROYAL CAPITAL
TSH.F...

HEY, YOU! STOP RIGHT THERE !!
MUTTER...
THUMP
GWAH!
OW!! IT HURTS !!
YEAH, YOU!!
YOU LITTLE SHRIMP !!
YOU RUN SOMEONE OVER WITHOUT SO MUCH AS AN APOLOGY ?!
I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME, SHRIMP!!
THAT CON MAN'S YELLING AT YOU.
GIVE IT UP! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE?
I SAID STOP OR I LET THE AIR IN THROUGH YOUR HEAD!
KCHK

CHAK
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET DISTRACTED HERE.
C'MON. WHAT'S WRONG WITH A LITTLE FUN BEFORE WORK?
PSHT!
THOK
!!!

RATTLE
BANG
DAMN IT!
PSHT
WHOOM

FWOH


?!
HE FLEW AWA-?!
WHAM

HYAAA

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SMALLER ONE?
...HEY.
GAK
HEH HEH.
WE LOST SOME TIME, DIDN'T WE?
LET'S GO BY AIR.

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